

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of MASON CITY, IOWA

May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

Who are we?

We are children of God.

What does it mean to be children of God?

We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.

Let us worship the God who calls us by name.

HYMN "Lord, When I Came Into This Life"

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;

Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith as member of your cast,

I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:

Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace,

by water and the Spirit we have been claimed as your children,

cleansed and made whole by Jesus Christ.

Forgive us when we reject your gifts and forget your love.

Forgive us when we live as if we belonged to ourselves alone.

Open our hearts to the gift of your Holy Spirit,

that we might be united with Christ,

following in his steps all the days of our life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news!

God's mercy is poured out like a mighty river;

grace flows like a never-ending stream.

This is the good news of the gospel:

In the love of Jesus Christ, we are loved forever.

In the waters of baptism we are set free

to let go of what is old and broken,

to live a new life in the resurrection,

and to follow together a joyful way, after Jesus Christ, our loving savior.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God who is over us and around us, and became one of us,

give us open hearts to hear you and humble hearts to receive you;

hearts of love that we may serve you, and hearts of faith that we may follow in your ways;

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS CHOSEN BY CONFIRMANDS

Carter Long

Romans 12: 1-2

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Kaylee Ostrander

1 Peter 4: 8

Above all, love each other dearly, because love covers a multitude of sins.

SERMON "Who Am I?"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins.
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old;
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old;
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND BLESSING THE CUP

You are invited to pause the video, bless and break your bread and share your cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all God's benefits.

BLESSING

RESPONSE

God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace.
Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you.
God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Camille Lee, piano; Dennis Lee, vocals
Carter Long, Kaylee Ostrander, readers
The Rev. Paul Collier, pastor
Nate Ruge, reader, video recorder & editor

"Lord When I Came Into This Life"

Text: Fred Kaan ©1979 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company)

Music: LAND OF REST American folk melody

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

Text and Music: John C. Ylvisaker ©1985 John C. Ylvisaker

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Music: Based on BEACH SPRING, arr. Dale Woods ©1996 The Sacred Music Press

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