

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of MASON CITY, IOWA

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WELCOME

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;

the world, and those who live in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN #637 "O Sing to the Lord"

O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song.

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O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, all is forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart.

Love the Lord, your God, with all your soul.

Love the Lord, your God, with all your mind.

Love the Lord, your God, with all that you are.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to receive your Word.

Silence in us any voice but your own,

that, hearing, we may also obey your will;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER Psalm 145: 8, 14-18 (Responsive)

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

**You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.

**You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.**

ANTHEM "Immortal, Invisible" arr. Gordon Young

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would tender, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.*

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14: 14-20

When [Jesus] went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

SERMON "You Give Them Something to Eat"

HYMN "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
Bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

MOMENT FOR LEGACY GIVING Diane Trimble

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

MOMENT FOR LEGACY GIVING Mary Markwalter

HYMN "We Lift Our Voices (We Are An Offering)"

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

SENDING

The vision of First Presbyterian Church is to glorify God by:
GATHERING as children of God;
GROWING together in faith, hope, and love; and
GOING out to make Christ known.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL 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

Choir of the Kirk, Dennis Lee, director; Camille Lee, accompanist
Adriana Attleson, reader
The Rev. Paul Collier, pastor