

**Order for Worship**  
**June 19, 2022**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Mason City, Iowa**

**Centering Words**

*We hunger for the holy, longing for the living God. We gather as children of God, rejoicing in the promise.*

**Welcome**      The Lord be with you.  
                    **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

**Song**            #399 "God Welcomes All"

**\*Call to Worship**

We come as children of God. Everyone is welcome here.

**Everyone?**

Yes, everyone!

**What about those who are different from us?**

They are part of God's family.

**Then we are really all one?**

We are one in Christ Jesus.

**\*Song**            #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West" v.1-3

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**We long for you, O God, discouraged by our flagging efforts. We are afraid of what the future may bring. We separate ourselves from our siblings in Christ because they are different from us. When we pray, we don't always feel that you hear us. Be present with us. Heal the places of our doubt, despair, and alienation. Cure us from hatred and discrimination. Cast out all that keeps us from you and from one another. Amen.**

**\* Words of Assurance**

Each day, God's love is steadfast. Each night, God's peace abides with us.

We are all part of one family in Christ Jesus.

**\*Response of Praise** #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West" v. 4

**\*Sharing the Peace**

There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male or female, for all are one in Christ Jesus.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Share signs of peace and welcome with one another.

## Moment with Children

### Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

Holy, Holy, Holy One, your words feed us, the Word frees us, and the Spirit gives us life.  
Grant our ears an appetite for hearing and our spirits strength for loving you. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle Reading                      Galatians 3:23-29

Psalter                      Psalm 42 (*read responsively*)

As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.**

**When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?**

My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”

**These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:**

**how I went with the throng<sup>[a]</sup>  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.

**My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.**

Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your torrents;  
all your waves and your billows  
have gone over me.

**By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.**

I say to God, my rock,  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why must I walk about mournfully  
because the enemy oppresses me?”

**As with a deadly wound in my body,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”**  
Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
**Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God.**

**Special Music (if there is any)**

**Gospel Reading     Luke 8:26-39**

**Sermon     “Beyond Fear”**

**Song             #754 “Help Us Accept Each Other”**

**Prayers of the People**

**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 glory forever. Amen.**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

**\*Song             #710 We Lift Our Voices**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)**

**Generous God, you are always with us, always caring for us, always drawing us together.  
We are so grateful for your loving presence. We bring our gifts before you today, that this  
offering may reach out in love to your people everywhere. Amen.**

**\*Song             #749 “Come! Live in the Light!”**

**Charge and Benediction**

**Closing Song     “God Be With You”**

**Postlude**