

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Fort Dodge, Iowa  
April 28, 2024

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

TRINITY BELLS

CHANCEL BELLS INTROIT

"Holy Spirit, Breath of God"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 22: 25-31)

Leader: Lord, I praise you in the great meeting of your people;  
these worshipers will see me do what I promised.

**People: Poor people will eat until they are full; those who  
look to the Lord will praise him. May your hearts live  
forever!**

Leader: People everywhere will remember and will turn to the  
Lord. All the families of the nations will worship him

**People: because the Lord is King, and he rules the nations.**

Leader: All the powerful people on earth will eat and worship.  
Everyone will bow down to him, all who will one day  
die. The people in the future will serve him; they will  
always be told about the Lord.

**People: They will tell that he does what is right. People who are  
not yet born will be told hear what God has done.**

\*GATHERING SONG

"The Power of Your Love"

MORNING PRAYER

CHANCEL BELLS ANTHEM

"The Gift of Grace"  
Violin: Amanda Warren

TIME FOR CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home  
in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you.  
We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire  
more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the  
world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot  
provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts  
find their rest in you alone. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations.  
The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun.  
Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*#579 GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

MOMENT FOR YOUNG LEADERS

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

SERMON

"Our Love is Not Rooted in Our Ability"  
Rev. Paul Masters

\*SONG OF REFLECTION

"What a Beautiful Name"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

<https://app.securegive.com/fpcfd>

#376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs. 1, 2, 3)

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

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*To help you as a visitor, we say "debts" and "debtors" in the  
Lord's Prayer.*

*Children up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church  
in the CLC hallway which begins after the Moment For Young  
Leaders. If they'd prefer to stay seated, worship bags are by the door.*

*We have the CLC rooms 108/109 available for parents to sit  
with their children. The service can be streamed on a tv in the rooms.*

# Prayers for April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>

## Members of the Congregation:

Jerry Hancock & Linda Whiting

## Friends of the Congregation:

Dennis Meisgeier (Nate's Father),  
Bill & Judy Vlietstra (Amber Foval's Parents) &  
Jeff Daniel (Sandra Holmstrom's Brother)

## Prayer Families:

Judy Wood  
Nancy Wood  
Jill Yriarte  
Janet Zabel

## Pray for: (a ministry in our Presbytery; a ministry in Fort Dodge)

United Presbyterian Church, Garner &  
Coppin Chapel AME

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## Stewardship News

Attendance on April 21<sup>st</sup> was 211 (161, 20 FB, 30 YT). The offering on 04/21/24 was \$8,301.00. The amount needed each week is \$10,307.00. The total contributions through 04/21/24 are \$155,564.65. The amount needed through 4/21/24 is \$164,912.00.

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## Thank you to our volunteers today

**Ushers:** Dave, Melissa, Dari, Jillian, Mark & Oliver Cook

**Vocals:** Roxanne Amhof & Laurie Johnson

**Musicians:** Megan Cassady, JB Kilpeck, Isac Jamba, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

**Bus Driver:** Don Miller

**Elder:** Janelle Groteluschen

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## Summer Camp

Lakeshore has organized the camps into interests this year. Please look on their website to see what camp best suits your family.

The church is paying the entire cost of camp for current KidZone kids and kids of church members. Please contact Amy if you plan to attend (515-576-2091).

Sign up now at: <https://lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org>

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## Senior Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to recognize our graduating senior.

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## Last Wednesday Programs

Our last Wednesday youth programs and all-ages dinner will be Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## VBS

Camp VBS "Linked by Love" will be June 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration sheets are available outside the office and on the website. Please register by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Forms can be brought into the office, emailed to Abee at [abigailk@firstpresfd.org](mailto:abigailk@firstpresfd.org) or texted to 515-575-2011. If you're interested in volunteering, please let Abee know.



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**YouTube:** FPC Fort Dodge



## The Power of Your Love

Lord I come to You  
Let my heart be changed renewed  
Flowing from the grace  
That I found in You  
And Lord I've come to know  
The weaknesses I see in me  
Will be stripped away  
By the pow'r of Your love

Hold me close  
Let Your love surround me  
Bring me near  
Draw me to Your side  
And as I wait  
I'll rise up like the eagle  
And I will soar with You  
Your Spirit leads me on  
In the pow'r of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes  
Let me see You face to face  
The knowledge of Your love  
As You live in me  
Lord renew my mind  
As Your will unfolds in my life  
In living ev'ry day  
By the pow'r of Your love

## What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

### CHORUS

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

### CHORUS

What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

### CHORUS

What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
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# 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



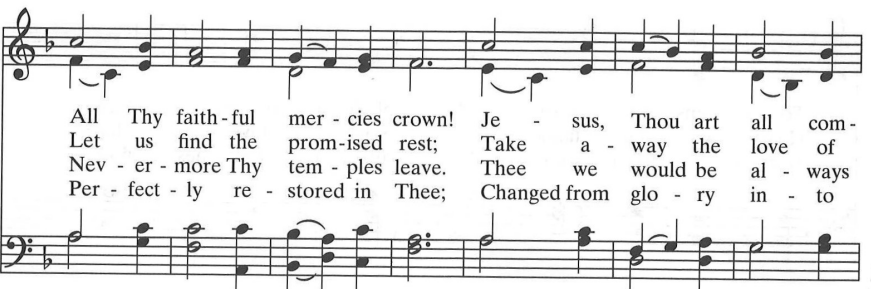
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy  
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,  
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,  
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,  
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion



All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -  
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of  
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways  
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee  
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

