

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6th Sunday of Easter

Fort Dodge, Iowa
May 5, 2024

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

TRINITY BELLS

CHANCEL BELLS INTROIT

"Lamb of God"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to join with all the earth in praise:

People: to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

People: the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.

Leader: On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

People: we greet you with joy, our living God!

*GATHERING SONG

"God of Wonders"

MORNING PRAYER

CHANCEL BELLS ANTHEM

"A Simple Song of Praise"

TIME FOR CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.

People: Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.

Leader: By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

People: Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIOR & PRESENTATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

SERMON

"Love Covenant and Sacrament"
Rev. Paul Masters

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

#517 "We Come as Guests Invited"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

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

"Indescribable"

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Children up through 5th 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 May 5th – 11th

Members of the Congregation:

Jerry Hancock & Phyllis Chance

Friends of the Congregation:

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

Prayer Families:

Leon & Gloria Zahrobsky
Marlene Zech
Janet Adams
Luanne Akins

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

Ministers in North Central Iowa who are active in Specialized Ministry
& CrossWay Evangelical Free Church

Stewardship News

Attendance on April 28th was 183 (140, 18 FB, 25 YT). The offering on 04/28/24 was \$11,873.91. The amount needed each week is \$10,307.00. The total contributions through 04/28/24 are \$167,438.56. The amount needed through 4/28/24 is \$175,219.00.

Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Gary Gronbach & High School Youth Group

Greeters: High School Youth Group

Communion Servers: Jan Zabel, Marlene Zech, Gregg Hora & Liddy Hora

Vocals: Carson Walrod & Roxanne Amhof

Musicians: Isac Jamba, Dari Cook, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: David Cook

Elder: Gavin Pederson

Thank you to our High School Youth Group!

Thank you to our high schoolers that are helping this morning and those who have attended high school youth group this year!

Dari Cook	Jillian Cook	Kate Parker
Drew Mason	Gavin Pederson	Kyle Pederson
Tyler Jacklowsky	Peyton Walstrom	Katie Mason
Faith Shirbroun	Sam Moser	Bella Lee

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>

Scott Weiland Celebration of Life

There will be a celebration of life for Scott Weiland on May 8th at 2:00 pm at the Friendship Haven Celebration Center.

Last Wednesday Programs

Our last Wednesday youth programs and all-ages dinner will be this Wednesday, May 8th.

VBS

Camp VBS "Linked by Love" will be June 12th – 14th. Registration sheets are available outside the office and on the website. Please register by June 3rd. Forms can be brought into the office, emailed to Abee at abigailk@firstpresfd.org or texted to 515-575-2011. If you're interested in volunteering, please let Abee know.



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God of Wonders

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
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You are holy

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me hold me
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We Come as Guests Invited

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Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1975

Johann Steurlein, 1575

1. We come as guests in - vit - ed When Je - sus bids us dine,
2. We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing From Christ the grace we need,
3. One bread is ours for shar - ing, One sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

His friends on earth u - nit - ed To share the bread and wine;
And in our hearts be - liev - ing On Him by faith we feed;
Our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing Re - newed in bread and wine:

The bread of life is bro - ken, The wine is free - ly poured
With won - der and thanks - giv - ing For love that knows no end,
Re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en By to - ken, sign, and word,

For us, in sol - emn to - ken Of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
We find in Je - sus liv - ing Our ev - er - pres - ent Friend.
The pledge and seal of heav - en, The love of Christ our Lord.

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

You are amazing God

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomp'able unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God

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And You love me the same
You are amazing God

(REPEAT)

You see the depths of our hearts
And You love us the same
You are amazing God