

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH September 14, 2025

"Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

~ George Washington

TRINITY BELLS

*OPENING MUSIC "It Is Well with My Soul"
(See Screen)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 14)

Leader: The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

People: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

Leader: The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

People: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.

Leader: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

People : We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

*#579 GLORIA PATRI

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM
"More Precious Than Silver/I Stand in Awe"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, you call on us to repent, to endure, and to hope:
Strengthen us that we work always for the common good.
We confess that though we look for sin in others, We are
reluctant to examine ourselves;
we are caught up in worldly wisdom and forget your words; we
complain about troubles and fail to see your good gifts.
Have patience with us and nurture us that we may grow in love,
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(now that we have confessed as a congregation, let us confess our
own sins in the silence of our hearts)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because we have been forgiven by God, let us also
forgive each other, and as Paul said, "Let none of you
repay evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one
another and be at peace with God and each other."

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

OFFERING ~ IMPACT STORY Karen Amman
Prayer of Dedication
*Doxology

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
#280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION "Mighty to Save"

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

SERMON "Gospel 101: The God Who Searches For Us"
Rev. Paul Masters

*SONG OF REFLECTION "Mercy"

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING MUSIC

*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 September 14th – 20th

Members of the Congregation:

Nola Humes, Floyd Herum & Ed Deal

Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family)

Prayer Families:

Haley & Keller Delpesce

Dennis & Eleanor Den Hartog

Terry & Martha Dessinger

Jacob Deuel

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

Eden Presbyterian Church, Rudd

Stewardship News

Attendance on September 7th was 147 (115, 16 FB, 16 YT). The offering on 09/07/25 was \$17,809.00. The amount needed each week is \$11,118.00. The total contributions through 09/07/25 are \$309,700.83. The amount needed through 09/07/25 is \$379,718.00.



Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Mike & Tammy Becker

Vocals: Joe & Teresa Jackson

Musicians: Megan Cassady, Steve Kelleher, Jake Merritt, Jan Moeller & Gabriel Alves

Bus Driver: David Cook

Elder: Joyce Garton-Natte

KidZone Volunteer Opportunities

Our KidZone ministry needs volunteers to help with afterschool pick up. If you're interested, please talk to Bernadette or Jessica in the KidZone office.

Card Shower

Help celebrate Mae Clausen's 96th birthday with a card shower! Her birthday is on September 27th. Cards can be sent to 1607 North 14th Street in Fort Dodge.

Confirmation

Confirmation students will meet with their mentors on September 21st from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Quilting Group ~ Volunteers Needed

The sewing ladies are looking for more volunteers. No experience needed! They need help tying quilts, sewing, cutting and making bibs and potholders. They meet every Wednesday from 8 am to noon in the west wing.

Heritage Sunday

On Sunday, September 21st we will be celebrating Heritage Sunday. The Fellowship Committee will be hosting the Heritage members with refreshments before the church service. We had such a great response from volunteers for our Easter brunch, we would like to invite volunteers to bring light breakfast finger foods to honor our dedicated members. If you are willing to participate, please contact Amy Walrod (515-570-0560) to sign up.



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Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779

Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

Virginia Harmony, 1831

Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand
 years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

Choctaw
 Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 Hatak ilbusha pia ha
 Is pi yukpalashke

Mighty to Save

Ev'ryone needs compassion
 Love that's never failing
 Let mercy fall on me
 Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
 The kindness of a Saviour
 The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains
 My God is mighty to save
 He is mighty to save
 Forever Author of salvation
 He rose and conquered the grave
 Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
 All my fears and failures
 Fill my life again
 I give my life to follow
 Ev'rything I believe in
 Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see
 We're singing
 For the glory of the risen King
 Jesus
 Shine your light and let the whole world see
 We're singing
 For the glory of the risen King

Mercy


Here I am a sinner
Broken and in need of You
Take my life and wash my fears away
For You are the great I Am
Rest assured I feel Your hand
Holding me until the darkness clears

Father to the fatherless
Redeemer of my soul
My life is Yours forever
My heart will always know



Your mercy saved me mercy made me whole
Your mercy found me called me as Your own

840 When Peace like a River



It Is Well with My Soul




1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the




sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the




taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain



It is well with my soul;
It is well with my soul;



it is well; it is well with my soul.

