

Sunday Worship- May 16, 2021



Fruit of the Spirit: PATIENCE

First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, Iowa
*“Striving to live as Jesus lived –
confronting injustice with love, compassion, service.”*

Welcome to Worship

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Friends, we gather this day from many places,
from many situations and circumstances.

But this we know is true:

**P: The flame of the Spirit touches our souls,
the light of Christ's truth fills our minds,
and the love of the Maker fills our hearts**

All: Trusting this, let us worship God together.

~Iona Big Book of Liturgies, altered.

SONG #39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness (sung by cantor only)

*1: Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be*

REFRAIN

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

*2: Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
REFRAIN*

*3: Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside
REFRAIN*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Life giving God, hear our prayer of confession.

Let us pray. . .

**All: Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that the fruit of the Spirit shows forth
in our daily living, loving and serving.**

Time of Silence

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

L: Amen.

Hear the good news!

Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit,
we are united with Christ and given a new spirit.
Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE (signed, while cantor sings)

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: Friends, the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

Please share a no touch sign of peace with others

DISCOVERY TIME

SCRIPTURE

L: In the beginning was the Word.

P: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

L: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Galatians 5:13-25 (Common English Bible)

Reader 1: You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself*. But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!

Reader 2: I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.

Reader 1: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

Congregation: If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 13:4-13 (New Revised Standard Version)

Reader 2: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Reader 1: Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

P: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION ON THE WORD *Fruit of the Spirit: Patience*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS & 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

L: Jesus is our peace.

Jesus' way guides who we are, what we do,
and the way we give of ourselves.

May our tithes and offerings be given in joyful response to God's love.

Amen.

~Words for Worship 2 by Diane Zaerr Brenneman, #142

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray our thanks together:

All: God of Abundance,

**all the things we have were yours before they were ours—
your gifts to bring us joy and to meet our need.**

Let them now become our gifts to others

to bring them joy and to meet their need.

May we live so that others may have what we have for Jesus' sake. Amen.

HYMN #80 You Shall Go Out with Joy (sung by cantor only)

*You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace,
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
And the trees of the fields
Will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And the trees of the fields will clap their
hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their
hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their
hands,
While you go out with joy.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prayer Chain Requests:

Diane Clay and family after mother Georgiana's death; Larry Petrick and family after mother Joanne's death; Carole Frazee, ongoing recovery from back surgery and pain management; Steve Valenta, Carol Daly's brother-in-law, multiple complications following open-heart surgery in late March; Judy Vopava, recovering from sinus surgery; Jim Winn; Dixie Mackie; Ann Cannon's mother (Barbara) and step-father (Rudolf) in Germany; Kristin Meyer's father, Mike Peterson.

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Pastor Lori (lewunder@gmail.com)