

## **Sunday Worship- June 19, 2022**



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**First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, Iowa**

*“Striving to live as Jesus lived –  
confronting injustice with love, compassion, service.”*

# Welcome to Worship

Welcome Guest Preacher, Howard Chapman!

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE HOUR

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us bless our God, all people of faith and hope

**People: God has been gracious and merciful to us**

Leader: God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble

**People: God is our guide and inspiration when things go well.**

Leader: God brings light to those who live in the shadows

**People: God offers stillness amid the turbulence of our times**

Leader: We live in covenant with God who gives us the best

**People: We are eager to give our best to God in return**

Leader: By the tender mercies of our God, we meet for worship this morning

**People: Praise God for signs and wonders, for peace and reconciliation**

## HYMN #14 For the Beauty of the Earth

*1: For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.*

*Refrain:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*2: For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain ]*

*3: For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight [Refrain]*

*4: For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]*

*4: For thyself, best gift divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]*

## \*PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Almighty God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the flood of words we hear and read each day. Our hearts are troubled amid the conflicts and violence of our world. Sometimes we find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change in case more is expected of us. We know you long to walk beside us. Help us to respond. We know we are surrounded by your love. Let us feel it deep within and give us your peace. Amen.

## \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**\*RESPONSE** #596 You Are Holy

*You are holy, you are whole.  
You are always evermore than we ever understand.  
You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near.  
Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread,*

*raised from soil, raised from dead.  
You are holy, you are wholeness; you are present.  
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Sing hosanna in the highest!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**DISCOVERY TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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.

John 14:15-21, 25-27

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** "What are we supposed to do now?"

**HYMN** #661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged

*1: Why should I feel discouraged,  
Why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely,  
And long for heaven and home;  
When Jesus is my portion?  
My constant Friend is he;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me.*

*Refrain:  
I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
For his eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me.*

*2: "Let not your heart be troubled,"  
His tender word I hear,  
And resting on his goodness,  
I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path he leadeth,  
But one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me. [Refrain]*

*3: Whenever I am tempted,  
Whenever clouds arise;  
When songs give place to sighing,  
When hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him,  
From care he sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me. [Refrain]*

**SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS AND 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**

## GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #70 What Does the Lord Require?

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our very selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us – Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN #547 Go, My Children, With my Blessing

*1: Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine  
forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.*

*2: Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can  
cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.*

*3: Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE