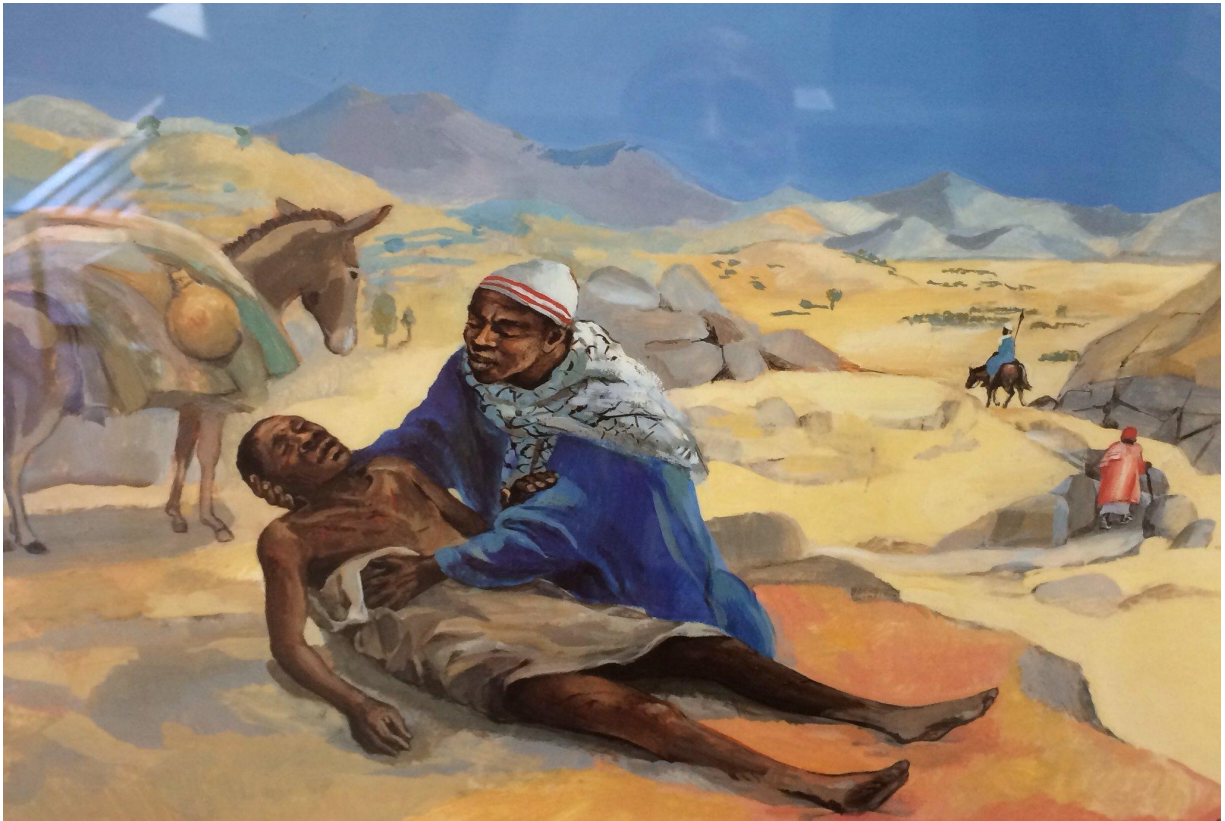


## Sunday Worship - July 10, 2022



The Good Samaritan- Tim Kubacki

**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: We have come to worship you, O God;

**P: gather us in.**

L: Some of us come full of happiness;

Some of us come a little sore from what life brings;

Some of us come confused or detached;

**P: gather us in.**

L: We honor you—who forms us and calls us each by name.

**P: You are our God, known yet unknown,**

**Present here yet everywhere, now and forever.**

L: Gather us into your fierce love, your tender care, your abundant grace.

**All: Let us worship you together!**

### \*HYMN #401 Here in This Place (Gather Us In)

*1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness, vanished away,  
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery;  
we are the old, who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*3. Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your  
daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat, the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven light years away,  
but here in this space, the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in, and hold us forever;  
gather us in, and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

**\*PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AND DELIVERANCE (Psalm 25)**

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my trust in you;

**P: let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

L: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**P: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

**P: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

L: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**P: You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

L: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**P: All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

L: For your name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great.

**P: Who are they who fear the Lord? You will teach them the way that they should choose.**

L: They shall dwell in prosperity, and their offspring shall inherit the land.

**P: You, Lord, are a friend to those who fear you, and will show them your covenant.**

L: My eyes are ever looking to you, O Lord, for you will pluck my feet out of the net.

**P: Turn to me and have pity on me, for I am left alone and in misery.**

L: The sorrows of my heart have increased; bring me out of my troubles.

**P: Look upon my adversity and misery and forgive me all my sin.**

L: Look upon my enemies, for they are many, and they bear a violent hatred against me.

**P: Protect my life and deliver me; let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.**

L: Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for my hope has been in you.

**P: Deliver Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.**

*Time of silent prayer*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

L: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! (Isaiah 43:1, 19)

**All: By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

**\*RESPONSE** #583 Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

## 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.

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV Updated Edition) - The Parable of the Good Samaritan

*Reader 1:* An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

*Reader 2:* Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

HYMN #762 When the Poor Ones

*1: When the poor ones, who have nothing,  
still are giving;  
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;  
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:  
We see God, here by our side,  
walking our way;  
we see God, here by our side,  
walking our way.*

*2: When compassion gives the suffering consolation;  
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;  
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us:  
We see God, here by our side,  
walking our way;  
we see God, here by our side,  
walking our way.*

*3: When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;  
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:  
We see God, here by our side,  
walking our way;  
we see God, here by our side,  
walking our way.*

*4: When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;  
when the nations work to change war into peace;  
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:  
We see God, here by our side,  
walking our way;  
we see God, here by our side,  
walking our way.*

## 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

L: Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)

## GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

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

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer gifts of time, talent, service, and money. May these offerings feed the hungry, clothe the poor, quench the thirsty, and shelter the vulnerable.**

**In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

*Refrain:*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.*

*1: Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who pours out himself for them.  
[Refrain]*

*2: Neighbors are rich folk and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are nearby and far away.  
[Refrain]*

*3: These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.  
[Refrain]*

*4: Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you.  
[Refrain]*

## \*JULY BIRTHDAY BLESSING

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE