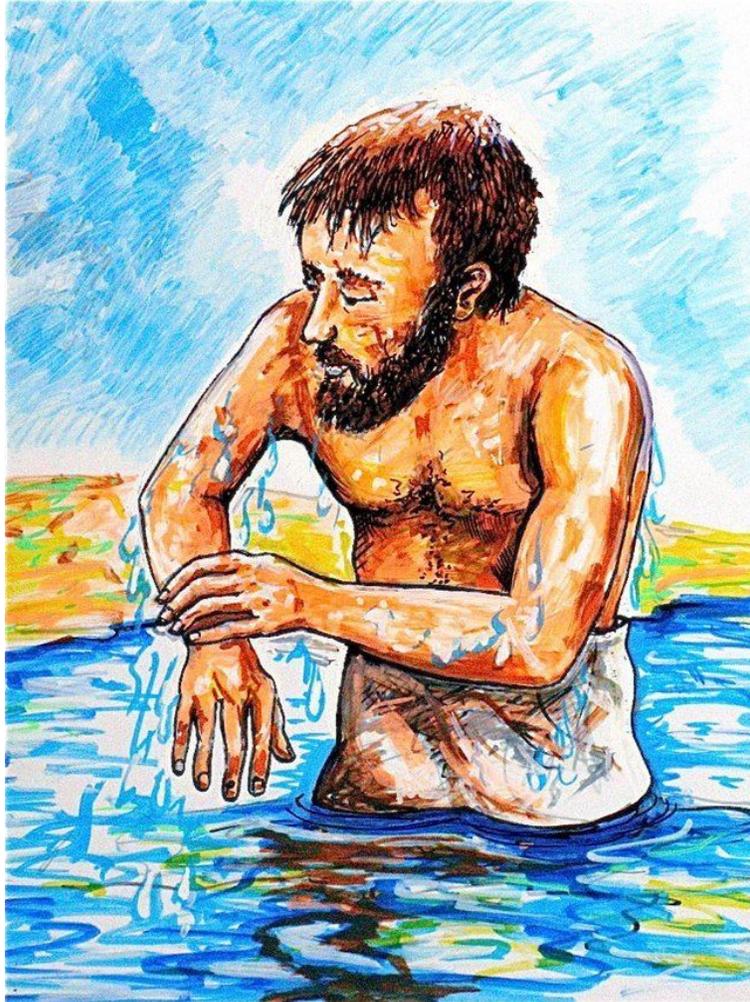


**Sunday Worship- July 3, 2022**



The Healing of Naaman

**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 (adapted from Psalm 30)

L: O Lord, my God,  
you have drawn me up,

**P: you have healed me.**

L: You have turned my mourning into dancing,  
you have taken off my sackcloth,

**P: you have clothed me with joy.**

L: May my soul praise you and not be silent.

**P: I will give thanks to you forever!**

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### \*HYMN #411 God Is Here Today (sing three times)

*God is here today;  
as certain as the air I breathe,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.*

### \*PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

L: We are people born of water and the Spirit.

We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life's end.

Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows,

God's faithful love endures forever.

Let us make our confession together:

**ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.**

**Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land  
with your healing love.**

**Help us to bow before you in true repentance,  
and to bow to one another in true repentance.**

**By the fire of your Holy Spirit,  
melt our hard hearts**

**and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.**

**Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love which casts out all fear,  
and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
the Triune God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, forever. Amen.**

## \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Because we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are also raised to life with him.

Believe the good news of the gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen!**

## \*RESPONSE #583 Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: 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.

2 Kings 5:1-14 (NRSV Updated Edition)

*Reader 1:* Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

*Reader 2:* He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

*Reader 1:* But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

*Reader 2:* But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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 #340 This Is My Song

*1: This is my Song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true as mine.*

*2: My country's skies are bluer than the oceans,  
and sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*3: This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms;  
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.*

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: The psalmist writes, “You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give ...”

May the gifts we offer always be given in that spirit!

**ALL: O Lord, our God, you have called us into the bountiful fields of this world:  
may we go and fulfill your harvest.**

**O Lord, our God, you have established us as strong mountains:  
may we stand for your glory and justice in this world.**

**O Lord, our God, you have given us so much:  
please accept these responses with our gratitude.**

**Amen.**

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## OFFERTORY

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Book of Common Worship)

### INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and south, and from east and west  
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,  
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,  
he took bread, blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's Table.  
Our Savior invites those who trust him  
to share the feast that he has prepared.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Praise to you, O God, for all your good works.

You created the world and called it good  
and made us in your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,  
and even when we turned from you,  
you remained ever faithful.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.  
He lived among us and told your story.  
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.  
He shared our pain and died our death,  
then rose to new life that we might live,  
and all creation be restored.

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
we break bread and share the cup,  
giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine  
that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ  
and that we may be his body for the world.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another  
until we feast with him and with all your saints  
in your eternal realm of justice and peace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever.

Now let us pray together the prayer Christ taught us, saying...

### 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.**

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### SHARING THE MEAL

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: God of Abundance,  
with this bread of life and cup of salvation  
you have united us with Christ,  
making us one with all your people.

**P: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue forever in the risen life  
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### \*HYMN #338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*1: O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with servanthood  
from sea to shining sea!*

*2: O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw;  
confirm thy soul in self-control,*

*thy liberty in law!  
3: O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
till all success be nobleness  
and every gain divine!*

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE