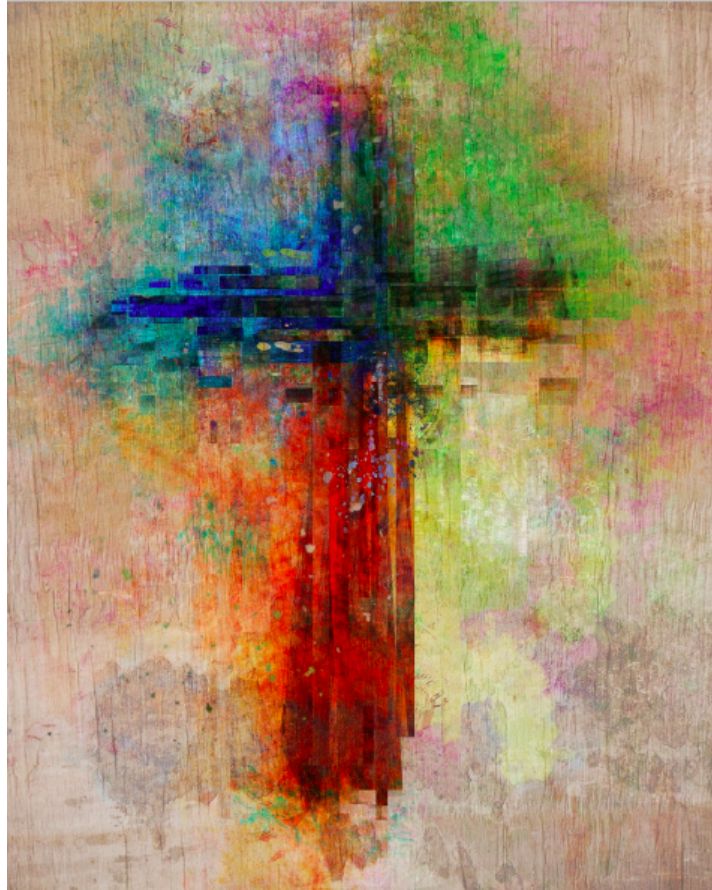


Sunday Worship- August 7, 2022



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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 (based on Psalm 33)

L: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

**P: The Lord looks down from heaven;
the Lord sees all humankind.**

L: From where he sits enthroned the Lord watches
all the inhabitant of the earth -

P: Our heart is glad in the Lord, because we trust in his holy name.

ALL: Come, let us worship our Lord!

*HYMN #1 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

*1: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*2: Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.*

*3: Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

*4: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky
and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: With humble hearts and a desire to experience God's grace, let us confess our sin:

All: God of grace,

**Sometimes we get caught up in going through the motions,
doing the expected things
and not remembering the most meaningful things.**

**Forgive us for choosing routine and comfort
over the hard work of seeing and meeting the needs of others.**

**Forgive us for thinking our identity as Christians
matters more than our service as Christians.**

**Help us understand more fully that which you want from us
and may we be transformed by your grace and love. Amen**

Time of Silent Reflection

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Christ transforms. Christ redeems and renews.

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. Friends, believe this good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE #591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Refrain:

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah.

1: O God, to whom shall we go?

You alone have the words of life.

Let your words be our prayer

And the song we sing:

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2: My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

When I call them they follow me.

I will lead them to rest

By the peaceful streams:

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: Ours is a God of peace and reconciliation, of mercy and second chances, and of goodness and blessing.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

P: And also with you.

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.

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Reader 1: The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Reader 2: Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

Reader 1: When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Reader 1: Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Reader 2: Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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 #767 Together We Serve

*1: Together we serve, united by love,
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,
extending God's love to the last and the least.*

*2: We seek to become a beacon of hope,
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
until we see Christ in each person we meet.*

*3: We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.
We offer a home to those who will come,
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.*

*4: Together, by grace, we witness and work,
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,
remembering love is the strength of our song.*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: People of God, our work as the church is not done yet. May we share our resources, our time and talent, so as to do good and seek justice in all arenas of life. Your morning's offering will be received.

Let us pray:

All: God, who blesses us with abundance. Great God, you are the giver of life and all that is good.

Accept our humble gifts and multiply them.

Accept our humble hearts and mold them.

Accept our humble lives and transform them,

**that we might live in the power of the resurrection,
willing to risk all for your kin-dom.**

In the name of Jesus we offer these gifts,

and in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE MEAL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN #526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*1: Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken; the wine is poured;
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

*Refrain:
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
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*2: Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.[Refrain]*

*3: Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere![Refrain]*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE