

**Sunday Worship - October 22, 2023**  
**Narrative Lectionary Year 2, Week 7**



*God's Way of Leading: David Anointed King & Moves Ark to Jerusalem*  
*2 Samuel 5:1-5, 6:1-5; Psalm 150*

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

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

## Welcome to Worship

*\*Please stand if you are able*

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**All: To the One who breathes life into being,  
we return that breath in praise.**

Leader: Praise God with the sounds of dancing and singing!

**All: To the One whose holy power breaks down our easy answers,  
we offer body and breath in praise.**

Leader: Praise God in earth and heaven!

**All: To the One whose goodness reaches into every place,  
we bring our thanks and praise.**

**Praise the Lord!**

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### \*HYMN #35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

- 1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!*
- 2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?*
- 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We know that God's mercy is unfailing, and so we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of God's children let us make our confession together:

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy and Powerful God, we praise you...  
and we also confess that sometimes we give our praise  
to other powers that lay claim to our attention.**

**We praise you...**

**and we also confess that sometimes we use our praise  
to stick your name on something we want, to make it seem like it's your will when in fact, it's ours.**

**We praise you...**

**and we also confess that we aren't sure what will happen if we don't control you,  
so we protect you as best we can from challenges or questions or bumps in the road.**

**Forgive us, Holy God, when our praise is manipulative rather than unfettered.**

**Forgive us, Powerful God, when we think you need us to save you rather than the other way  
round.**

**Forgive us, God, for treating you like an object in our possession,  
to be shown off or played with or left to gather dust until we want something.**

**Make our praise wholehearted and genuine,  
our commitment to your way rather than our own,  
and our joy fulfilled.**

**We ask in the name of the One who embodies your presence among us, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

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*Pause for silent prayer.*

### **\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love — God is a thousand parts  
compassion for every four parts judgment. Trusting in God's steadfast love to the thousandth generation,  
take up your place in this forgiven family, and live in that grace so that all may know the goodness of the  
Lord in the land of the living. Hear and believe this good news:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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### **\*RESPONSE #583 Gloria, Gloria (in Latin)**

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** (As we approach flu season, you are invited to share the peace in a variety of  
ways including waving, bowing, bumping elbows, etc.)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **DISCOVERY TIME**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Leader: In the beginning was the Word.

**All: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

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

#### **2 Samuel 5:1-5 (NRSV) - David Anointed King**

Reader 1: Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh.  
For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to  
you, 'It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' " So all the elders  
of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord,  
and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned  
forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all  
Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

2 Samuel 6:1-5 (NRSV) - The Ark of the Lord is Brought to Jerusalem

Reader 2: David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God, and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

Rev. Lori Wunder

## HYMN #821 My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing?)

1. *My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear a clear, though far off hymn, that hails a new creation. REFRAIN*

*REFRAIN:*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

2. *Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? REFRAIN*
3. *What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. REFRAIN*
4. *The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? REFRAIN*

## SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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

Leader: With thankfulness we give in gratitude and joy.

With prayerfulness we give in sacrifice and love.

With hopefulness we give in commitment to God.

Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money, this day and every day.

## OFFERTORY

~ Other offerings may be placed in the basket located at the back of church or given online at [www.firstpresmv.com](http://www.firstpresmv.com)

**\*DOXOLOGY #70 What Does the Lord Require of You?**

*What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?*

*Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.*

*To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**We offer ourselves with our gifts, Giver and Sustainer of Life, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate ourselves to you with our giving. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #633 Praise Ye the Lord**

*REFRAIN: Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.*

- 1. Praise God with the sound of the trumpet. Praise God with the lute and the harp. Praise God with timbrel and dancing. Praise God wherever you are. REFRAIN*
- 2. Praise God with holy cymbals. Praise God with strings and with pipes. Praise God with clashing cymbals. Praise God with all of your might. REFRAIN*
- 3. Praise God in the holy temple. Praise God for almighty deeds. Praise God for those bountiful mercies, for God fulfills our needs. REFRAIN*
- 4. Praise God on top of the mountains. Praise God both day and night. Praise God down in the low valleys. Praise God because it's all right. REFRAIN*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*All are welcome in the Social Hall (lower level) to enjoy coffee, juice, treats and conversation.*

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