Sunday Worship - November 15, 2026

Noisy Offering



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In God's Economy: Week 6

Legacy: Blessed to Be a Blessing

Deuteronomy 34:1-9

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
People: you teach the morning to waken the earth.
Leader: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
People: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Leader: For you the kings of the earth shall bow,
People: the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.
Leader: Your love and mercy shall last forever,
People: fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.
Leader: Let us worship God together.

~Worship Sourcebook (Grand Rapids: 2004, CRC Publications), p. 65, #14

*HYMN #612 We Praise You, O God

1: We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2: We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3: With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

*PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

L: Let us make our confession together:
All: Saving God, since the days of Moses, you have observed the misery of your people and heard the cries of those in captivity.
We call on your name because we, too, are bound and unable to save ourselves. We confess that we build and protect systems that pretend freedom is scarce and cause grave harm. We are quick to consume and hoard resources. We make assumptions about our neighbors before we know them and seek our security at the expense of others.
Forgive us, God. Loosen the bonds of sin and evil. Break every yoke of Pharaoh's economy. Make a way where we cannot, and deliver your people into new life.

Time of silence

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

L: Beloved ones,
you are made in the image of God who is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
You are saved by grace and your sins are forgiven.
Friends, believe this good news:
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*RESPONSE #59 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never eases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O God, great is your faithfulness.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

DISCOVERY TIME *Noisy Offering for Southeast Linn Community Center*

SCRIPTURE

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.

Exodus 3:1-14 (Common English Bible) – The Calling of Moses

Reader 1: Then Moses hiked up from the Moabite plains to Mount Nebo, the peak of the Pisgah slope, which faces Jericho. The LORD showed him the whole land: the Gilead region as far as Dan's territory; [2] all the parts belonging to Naphtali along with the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, as well as the entirety of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea; [3] also the arid southern plain, and the plain—including the Jericho Valley, Palm City—as far as Zoar.
Reader 2: [4] Then the LORD said to Moses: "This is the land that I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I promised: 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have shown it to you with your own eyes; however, you will not cross over into it."
Reader 1: [5] Then Moses, the LORD's servant, died—right there in the land of Moab, according to the LORD's command. [6] The Lord buried him in a valley in Moabite country across from Beth-peor. Even now, no one knows where Moses' grave is.
[7] Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight wasn't impaired, and his vigor hadn't diminished a bit.
Reader 2: [8] Back down in the Moabite plains, the Israelites mourned Moses' death for thirty days. At that point, the time for weeping and for mourning Moses was over.
[9] Joshua, Nun's son, was filled with wisdom because Moses had placed his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to Joshua, and they did exactly what the LORD commanded Moses.

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 Rev. Lori Wunder

HYMN #697 Take My Life (verses 1, 2, 4 & 6)

1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days:
   let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of they love; take my feet and let them be
   swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use
   every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;
   it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

SHARING 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Leader: The psalmist tells us, "The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it."
With gladness and gratitude, throughout our days we return to God a portion of our life and labor.

OFFERTORY

Offerings may be placed in the basket located at the back of church
or given online at www.firstpresmv.com
We are grateful for all the ways you support our mission and ministry! Thank you!

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

Low Voices: What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?

Middle Voices: Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

High Voices: To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray together:
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, trusting in the promise of your abundant provision. In the name of Christ we ask it. Amen.

*HYMN #740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain: Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak, and I need your strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness your face to see,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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