

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Trinity Sunday

Fort Dodge, Iowa
June 7, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Glory to you forever!

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

Glory to you forever!

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

Glory to you forever!

Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb:

Glory to you forever!

Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:

Glory to you forever!

Giver, Gift, and Giving:

Glory to you forever!

Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

Glory to you forever!

Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

Glory to you forever!

Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm:

Glory to you forever!

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:

Glory to you forever!

God who was, God who is, God who is to come:

Glory to you forever!

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith, to acknowledge and worship your triune name in the majesty of your unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG #356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

Time of silent reflection and confession...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Book of Ecclesiastes says "All streams run to the sea but the sea is not full. To the place where the streams flow, there they continue to flow". So it is with God's grace. Sisters and Brothers, the living waters poured out on us flow from a fount that will never cease, for God's forgiveness is from everlasting to everlasting. **Thanks be to God!**

Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"White as Snow"

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

<https://app.securegive.com/fpcfcd>

Special Music

"Blessings"

Doxology #592

Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. In every age, the church has expressed its witness in words and deeds as the need of the time required.

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls men and women to be reconciled to God and to one another.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

The Rev. Rebecca L. Dix

SONG OF PREPARATION

#375 "Shall We Father at the River"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 1

SERMON

"Rooted by the River"
The Rev. Dr. Austin D. Hill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING SONG

#555 "Now thank We All Our God"

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Prayers for June 7th – 13th

Members of the Congregation:

Charles Magruder, Millie Nordeen, Al Secor, Goldie Davis,
Ray Stanley & Starla Lawler

Friends of the Church:

Norma Schmoker

Prayer Families:

Sam & Sharon Moser
Doug & Mel Murtle
G Don Marie & Bill Myer (Mariah, Rihanna, Aaliyah)
Roger & Joyce Natte

Pray for:

 (a church in our Presbytery; a church in Fort Dodge)

First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls – Rev. Brad Braley &
Harvest Baptist Church – Pastor Marvin Smith

Summer camps at Lakeshore Center have been canceled for this year.


If you are in need of anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact the church office. We will help in any way that we can. We have Deacons' and other funds set aside to assist with purchases of necessities. This includes food and any household items necessary to get you through this time. If transportation is an issue, we will be glad to deliver items to your home.

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Pastor Rebecca: 319.215.7900, Pastor Austin: 925.788.2245

Share your quarantine stories with us!

We want to hear from you! Life has looked a lot different for most of us over the past couple months. We've witnessed the good and bad sides of humanity. We've helped others and been helped ourselves. Some of us have spent the time alone while others have been spending more time with loves ones than ever before. Regardless of our circumstances, we are assured of one thing... God has been at work and present in our lives through it all.

We want to share your stories! Tell us how you've seen God at work in your life during the pandemic. Tell us how your perspective on life has changed or tell us how you've witnessed others showing God's love. Send us an email to qstories@firstpresfd.org. We'll share some of your stories on social media, in the Enews, newsletter and bulletins.

This is the bulletin for Sunday, June 7th. Please use this to follow along while we broadcast the service. Tune in to our YouTube Channel: FPC Fort Dodge  and our Facebook page at 10 am. You can access both of these channels from our website by clicking on these icons:



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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

Robert Robinson, c. 1758

LIFE IN CHRIST

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

White As Snow

Leon Olguin

White as snow, white as snow, though my sins were as
scar-let: Lord, I know, Lord, I know, that I'm clean and for -
giv - en. Thru the pow - er of Your blood. Thru the
won - der of Your love. Thru faith in You I know that I can
be white as snow.

Blessings

We pray for blessings
We pray for peace
Comfort for family
Protection while we sleep
We pray for healing for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand
To ease our suffering
And all the while
You hear each spoken need
Yet love is way too much
To give us lesser things

CHORUS

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
And what if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
And what if trials of this life
Are Your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom
Your voice to hear
We cry in anger when
We cannot feel You near
We doubt Your goodness
We doubt Your love
As if ev'ry promise from
Your Word is not enough
And all the while
You hear each desp'rate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe

CHORUS

When friends betray us
When darkness seems to win
We know that pain reminds this heart
That this is not, this is not our home

It's not our home

'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
And what if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is a revealing of a greater thirst
This world can't satisfy
And what if trials of this life
The rain the storms the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise

375 Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down,
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day,
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown,
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;

gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

Now Thank We All Our God

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Martin Rinkart, c. 1636

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.
Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648

Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voice - es,
2. O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in high - est heav - en,

Who won - drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
To Fa - ther and to Son And Spir - it now be giv - en.

Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom heaven and earth a - dore,

With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
The God who was, and is, And shall be ev - er - more.