

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Fort Dodge, Iowa
August 16, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are children of God, learning to walk.

Day by day, we are learning to be the church.

God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

God loves us, guides us, frees us.

God is a loving parent, leading us in right paths.

When the road ahead is unclear, may we trust in our loving God, our patient parent, our steadfast companion in life. It is this God whom we worship today.

GATHERING SONG

#327 "O Word of God Incarnate"

WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways, on account of your love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own way. We forge our own paths, dismissing your care, relying instead on things that do not last. Lead us back to you, our rock, our guide, our merciful God. Relying on this mercy, we humbly confess our sins to you now...

Time of silent reflection and confession...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Our Psalm today reminds us that God forgives all our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us. The steadfast love of our Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

282 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

Special Music

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Doxology #592

Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of Belhar

- **We believe that God is revealed as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.**
- **We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.**
- **We believe that God calls the church to follow God in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry.**
- **We believe that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly.**
- **We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may flow down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Rebecca L. Dix

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Great Are You Lord"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 103

SERMON

"Restore Us, O God"
The Rev. Sara C.R. Hill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING SONG

#276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Prayers for August 16th – 22nd

Members of the Congregation:

Charles Magruder, John Simpson, Paul Stephenson, Goldie Davis, Starla Lawler, Ginny Hays, Iona Ames & Dale Daggy

Prayer Families:

Tony & Dana Recker (Ethan, Owen, Aiden)
Rodney & Karen Refisma
Marcia Rich
Tracy Richardson (Kody)

Pray for: (a church in our Presbytery; a church in Fort Dodge)

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Waterloo –
Rev. Dr. Patricia Jacobs
Rev. Daniel Voigt &
Rolling Hills Community Church – Pastors David & Angie Barton

The 70th Anniversary of our sanctuary is coming soon! We will celebrate what God has done in this space on Heritage Sunday, September 20th. We'd love to hear stories of how you have experienced God at work in this place! Please send a short video message or written note about how God has blessed you through the sanctuary in the past 70 years. We are compiling these stories to use in our celebration on September 20th. We'd love to hear from you!

The church office has reopened by appointment only. Beginning August 30th, the online service will start at 10:30 am on Sundays.

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 loved 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, August 16th. 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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O Word of God Incarnate

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William Walsham How, 1867
As in *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987*Neuermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from You, dear Sav - ior, Re - ceived this gift di - vine,
3. O make Your church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed On all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;

We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - dering pil - grims By this our path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
A - mid the rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, We see You face to face.

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 282

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT 9.8.9.8.8

Georg Neumark, 1657
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987

Georg Neumark, 1657

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hope - ful
2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure In cheer - ful
3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be - tide thee,
hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Keep - er's plea - sure
own part faith - ful - ly; Trust the rich prom - is - es of grace,

To bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our in - most
So shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.
wants are clear To One who holds us al - ways dear.
sook at need The soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

10,000 Reasons (Blessed the Lord)

CHORUS

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

CHORUS

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

CHORUS

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

CHORUS

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Great Are You Lord

VERSE

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore
Ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

CHORUS

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

VERSE

CHORUS 2X

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord
3X

CHORUS

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove;
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!