

July 26, 2020
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MEDITATION

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 36-43

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”
Romans 8:28

Liturgists: Glenn and Sharon Simmonds, Samantha Crow, Sean Jacobsmeier, Tracy Riedesel

The Church Gathers To...

Welcome and Announcements

Rev Katie Styr

Preparation for Worship

Worshippers are invited to meditate silently during the following prelude.

Prelude

Adagio in F minor

Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges

Praise Almighty God

Call to Worship

From the moment we open our eyes each morning until we close them at night, God is with us.

There is no one like you, our God!

In times when we are surrounded by struggle and in all the surprising places we find hope, Jesus is with us.

There is no one like you, Jesus!

When we feel alone and when we are united with our church family, God's Spirit is with us.

There is no one like you, Holy Spirit!



1. Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found - ing lim - its fear - ful minds im - pose.
 2. Love re - ceiv - ing Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,



Love re - new-ing, Love pur - su - ing ev - ery heart un - til it knows
 faith re - gain-ing, hope pro - claim - ing; Love has taught us, we be - long



Love's trans-form-ing, heal - ing good-ness, Love's a - bid - ing gen - tle grace,
 safe with - in Love's ten - der keep - ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent call.



Love's en - dur-ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing strong em-brace.
 Love de - fend-ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of God en - fold - ing all.

Children's Message

Rev. Katie Styr

Confess to a Forgiving Creator

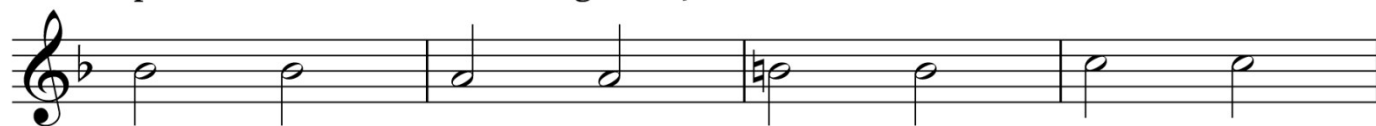
Call to Confession - Sing "Spirit of the Living God" one time.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me;



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall a-fresh on me.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you invite us into a life of compassion and truth, but we continue to turn away. We ignore your way of life when we let other desires control us. There are days that we live only for ourselves and let our selfishness and shallowness take control. Instead of focusing on our own wants, help us to work for a stronger and healthier community. Remind us that everyone around us is your child, in need of our support and protection. Open our hearts, and lead us by your Spirit. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing "Spirit of the Living God" one time.

Assurance of Pardon

In sorrow so deep we cannot find our way out, God cradles us in comfort. God's hope is all around us, surrounding us with peace and healing. Our sins are forgiven; thanks be to God!

Listen for God's Word

Scripture Readings

Romans 8:26-39

Genesis 29:15-28

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Two Weddings

Rev. Katie Styr

Respond to God's Word

Hymn

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed,
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows; in his
4. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face. Sun and



healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Affirmation of Faith:

selected from the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Prayers of the People

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 to give our thanks and praise...

The Lord's Prayer - *(Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.*

Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

To donate, please visit the church website, fpedavenport.org, and click on "Donate Now," use the link: <https://bit.ly/2V8nEgm>, or mail your check in to the church office

Lament
Don Wood, handbells

Jason Krug

Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

Please sing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: Old Hundredth, 592 in the hymnal.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, your steadfast love is just one of the many gifts you pour into us. Our offerings are just one of the ways in which we serve you and your people. Bless them, and bless us, to ministries of healing and hope. Amen.

Go To Serve With God's Blessing

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Sonata in E, K. 380

Domenico Scarlatti

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome for: Mary Katherine and family of Ben (*friends of Don Wood*); Carlen Brinser; Nancy Buening (*mother of Rebecca Buening-Ferris*); Colleen Dueñas (*death of mother*); Nancy Hagen (*mother of Colleen Dueñas*); family of Nancy Hoffman; Don Hultgren (*hospice*); Jolene Keeney; Betty Nelson (*mother of Tim Nelson*); Don Pedersen and family (*death of wife and mother, Marsha*); Phil Schwister; Wilton Retirement Community; Audrae Zoeckler (*90th birthday*); families and victims of abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters.

Special Congregational Meeting: "The Way Forward" - Today, 10:30 AM

The Session of FPC-D has scheduled a special congregational meeting today **at 10:30 AM**, following the online worship service. Entitled "*The Way Forward*", the sole purpose of this meeting is informational. Representatives of the Presbytery of East Iowa will present information on next steps in the transition and reconciliation process. There will be no official business transacted during this meeting.

You can join the meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/93354201472?pwd=QWxBZjTFovZzdMOE85UGZuT3FZUT09> on your computer, or by dialing 312-626-6799 and entering the meeting ID (933 5420 1472) and password (807515). For tech support during the meeting, please contact Matt Bishop at bishop@fpcdavenport.org.

Docket for Congregational Meeting, First Presbyterian of Davenport

The Way Forward

Welcome / Introduction – Pat

- Explain meeting's purpose: to offer information, take questions.
- Introduce participants:
Dr. Rebecca Blair, (PEIA Stated Clerk)
Rev. Jennifer Jennings (MCC Moderator, Davenport Liaison)
Rev. Patricia Halverson (Meeting Moderator)
- No business that requires a vote.
- Have people sign in for a count of those "present."

Prayer (moderator, Pat Halverson)

What is coming up for FPC? Information from the Presbytery

- Information on the Synod Review
- The 5 tasks of the charge, aimed towards reconciliation
- The Bridging Pastor—how that person functions, and how he or she is called
- Reconciliation – what does it look like

Information: Pastoral Updates at FPC

- Katie's change of terms of call: Updates on process
- Mark's contract--(*contract was renewed during July 20 Session meeting.*)

Questions

End with Lord's Prayer

Special Congregational Meeting - Sunday, August 23, 10:30 AM

On motion, The Session has scheduled a special congregational meeting, Sunday, August 23, 2020, at 10:30 AM, immediately following the worship service. Docket items are:

- Approval of Bridging Pastor Nominating Committee
- Approval of Pastor Katie's change in terms of call"

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81957838067?pwd=ZHhRQytiaDJJQlZlejRSFA2S1BJZz09>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81957838067?pwd=ZHhRQytiaDJJQlZlejRSFA2S1BJZz09>

Meeting ID: 819 5783 8067

Passcode: 740831

Dial by your location

1 312 626 6799 US

Other Ways to Experience Worship

We know that not everybody is comfortable with sharing worship services digitally. If you would prefer to receive a DVD of Sunday worship, please contact the church office with your information. If you would prefer a written transcript instead, let the church office know. We want everybody to be able to praise God during this strange time!

Cherubs and Musikgarten Have Gone Virtual! – Sundays, 8:45-9:30 AM

We will continue our Zoom classes until we can get back to seeing each other in person. We'll meet for Cherubs at 8:45 AM on Sunday mornings and continue right into Musikgarten from 9:00-9:30 AM. You can stay on for both classes or choose the one you want to attend. If you are reading this and have young children who would like to join us but are not on my email list, reach out to me and I will add you so I can send you the link each week. It's probably going to be noisy, we'll probably have a glitch here and there and it will undoubtedly be a little chaotic but that's ok! We all need to see each other and talk and laugh with each other. For more info, contact Kathy Middleton, kathrynb15@gmail.com.

Worship Watch Party - Sundays, 9:30 AM

Our worship services are pre-recorded so that they can have closed captions and higher video quality. However, we miss praying with you all at the same time! If you do too, join us on Facebook every Sunday at 9:30 AM. Go to our church Facebook page and join our worship video watch party - you'll be able to chat with other people and know that we're worshipping together. Be with you then!

Virtual Coffee Hour - *Sundays, immediately following Worship Watch Party* **IN RECESS TODAY**

Miss chatting after church? Join us after the worship watch party (usually around 10:20 AM on Sundays) for a virtual coffee hour before ACE.

Click this Zoom link to enter:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJUkf-ivrzMqHdSy9GSdaXqVT0NeUC6eLM-9>,
or dial 312-626-6799 and enter 919 8171 8070 for the meeting ID and ACE for the password.

Adult Christian Education in August – Sundays, August 2, 16, 23, 30 10:45 AM

Racial justice – it is a daily part of the evening news and in every newspaper. Do you feel overwhelmed? How should you respond? This may be a place you can start to learn more. You are invited to participate in the **21-Day Racial Justice Challenge** from August 2-August 30. This challenge will be the basis for discussion when we gather by video conference at 10:45AM on Sundays August 2, 16, 23 and 30 (skipping August 9). This version of the 21-day challenge comes from the PC-USA Matthew 25 church movement, of which FPC is a participant. It is an incomplete study, but it is a start. Are you up to the challenge?

Yes, you will have homework! You will receive resources to study each day. Some may take 30-60 minutes, others as little as five minutes.

In 2016, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved a church wide anti-racism policy called “Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community.” The policy states:

Racism is a lie about our fellow human beings, for it says that some are less than others. It is also a lie about God, for it falsely claims that God favors parts of creation over the entirety of creation. Because of our biblical understanding of who God is and what God intends for humanity, the PC(USA) must stand against, speak against and work against racism. Anti-racist effort is not optional for Christians. It is an essential aspect of Christian discipleship, without which we fail to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

This policy will be the basis for our opening discussion on August 2, 2020. You can find a link to the policy on our e-news. You are encouraged to read the policy prior to our first gathering, if you are able. You are not required to pre-register to attend our Sunday morning discussions, but it would be helpful if you indicated your intention to participate **by clicking this link to RSVP:** <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJUkf-ivrzMqHdSy9GSdaXqVT0NeUC6eLM-9>. You can click on the same link to enter the Zoom meeting, or call and enter the Meeting ID (919 8171 8070) and password (ACE).

Virtual Synod School 2020 – Monday, July 27 – Thursday, July 30

Synod School has moved online! From July 27-30, there will be Zoom classes on topics from the Gospel of Mark to white privilege to gardening. Each day will also include evening worship, family activities, and speakers sharing good news for the church today. This event is a lot more fun in person, but will be a quick, easy, and free way to brighten up your summer. To learn more and register, go to <https://engagingleaders.org/virtual-synod-school-2020/>.

Online Harpsichord Recital - Tuesday, August 4, 12:00 PM

Matt Bishop will offer a free online harpsichord recital on Facebook on Tuesday, July 21 at noon. This will be a 30-minute recital featuring works by Sebastián Albero and J.S. Bach on the church's Lindholm harpsichord. The video will be available on the church's Facebook page. Enjoy some Baroque music with your lunch!

Midweek Prayer – Wednesdays, 12:00 PM

Join us on Facebook live for a brief time of prayer and scripture! Go to the church's Facebook page at noon on Wednesdays for community prayer. Post your prayer requests in chat during our time together, or watch the video devotional anytime. If you don't have a Facebook account, you can still watch these devotional videos at any time by going to <https://www.facebook.com/fpcdavenport/live>.

Bible Basics 201 – Wednesdays, 6:15 PM

We're taking a summer break! There will be no class on July 29 or August 5. We'll start up again on August 12 at 6:15 PM, topic TBA.

Stump the Organist! – Fridays, 12:00 PM

Join us Friday at noon on Facebook Live for Stump the Organist! FPC Principal Organist Alex Gilson will take your requests for sacred hymns and work his improvisatory magic. Tune in from the comfort of your home to test the knowledge and creative prowess of your organist.

Attention Gardeners, or Those Who Want to Get Outside and Play in the Dirt!

The neighborhood garden is planted and needs weekly maintenance (weather providing). The Deacons are asking anyone to adopt a week – you can pick whenever in that week to weed or water if needed.

Weekly availability:

7/26 – 8-1	8/2 – 8/8
	8/9 – 8/15
	8/16 – 8/22
	8/23 – 8/29
	8/30 – 9/5

Please contact Debbie Keenan (815-621-8009; dkeen0912@gmail.com) to get on the schedule! Thank you for your part in watching our garden grow to feed our community!

Send a Card! Audrae Zoeckle turns 90 on Sunday, August 9.

Audrae Zoeckler is the longest living member of FPC. Join the FPC card party from our church members wishing her Happy Birthday. Her address is 2141 Lillie Ave., Davenport, Iowa, 52804.

The Upper Room Online Devotional

During COVID-19, *The Upper Room* is now available online to print or read from the safety of your home. The July and August devotionals are available in the weekly e-news.

Need a Mask?

Need a mask? The CDC recommends wearing a cloth mask for times when it is difficult to keep a six foot distance, such as grocery shopping. If you need a mask, please contact Pastor Katie.

FPC Joins Quad Cities Interfaith!

First Presbyterian Davenport has become a member of Quad Cities Interfaith, a group of congregations focused on leadership development and advocacy in our community. QCI describes themselves as "a community of people living out our faith and values to collectively transform our society and bring about justice and human dignity locally and regionally." You can find out more about QCI here: qcinterfaith.org, including their ongoing campaigns for legal reform, affordable housing, internet access for distance learners, and ending police brutality. If you'd like to get involved with one of their advocacy teams, please contact Rev. Katie for more information.

News from the Finance Office: June Financial Report

	June 2020		June 2019	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	47,373	49,420	54,585	65,185
Custodial Accounts Income	2,191	-	17,067	-
Compensation Expenses	48,228	48,041	42,254	48,214
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	13,840	20,565	14,934	28,131
Custodial Accounts Expenses	2,191	-	17,067	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(14,695)	(19,186)	(2,603)	(11,160)
	2020 Year-To-Date		2019 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	468,349	492,738	476,259	461,565
Custodial Accounts Income	93,812	-	47,987	-
Compensation Expenses	294,498	300,577	281,097	295,851
Non Compensation General Fund Expenses	86,731	119,050	120,327	160,845
Custodial Accounts Expenses	93,812	-	47,987	-
Surplus (Deficit)	87,120	73,111	74,835	4,869

All numbers are rounded.