

1702 Iowa Street  
 Davenport, IA 52803  
 A Congregation of the  
 Presbyterian Church  
 (U.S.A.)

September 26, 2021  
 Season of Creation: Mountain Sunday  
 Worship at 9:30 a.m.

**Welcome!**

We are an open and affirming congregation, and a proud member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians (covnetpres.org).



People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome here, along with their families.

**We are a  
 Matthew 25 church**



**MATTHEW 25**

Matthew 25 congregations identify themselves as working toward one or more of three goals: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.

**SEASON OF CREATION**

*Today we continue our observance of the Season of Creation. Since 1989, this ecumenical observance expressed concern for our ecological crisis and repentance for the way we treat the earth. You can learn more at [2021-SOC-Full-Guide.pdf](https://2021-SOC-Full-Guide.pdf) ([seasonofcreation.org](https://seasonofcreation.org))*



**Preparation for Worship**

*We invite you to meditate silently on art, music and Scripture.*  
 \*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

**The Church Gathers To...**

**Prelude** Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541 J. S. Bach

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

**Prelude** Improvisation on Rock of Ages Alex Gilson

**Praise Almighty God**

**Call to Worship** *adapted from Seasons of the Spirit*

"I am strong," says God's holy mountain.  
**We lift our eyes to you and learn strength.**  
 "I shelter others," says God's holy mountain.  
**We lift our eyes to you and learn compassion.**  
 "I am a living prayer," says God's holy mountain.  
**We lift our eyes to you.**

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Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn**

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

LAUDA ANIMA



1. God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the  
2. God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the  
3. God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the  
4. God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er  
cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar  
plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er  
calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble -



of the heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the  
in the dark - ness, God the bea - con of the  
of the har - vest, God the source of all we  
turn - ing proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed



land: you are womb of all cre - a - tion; we are form - less; shape us now.  
free: you are fount of all de - liv - erance; we are aim - less; lead us now.  
eat: you are host at ev - ery ta - ble; we are hun - gry; feed us now.  
truth: you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment; we are search - ing; meet us now.

**Confess to a Forgiving Creator**

**\*Call to Confession**

Our words, our deeds, our lives build barriers. But God can shatter every distinction. Let us come to the One who loves us and longs to forgive us.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*from Seasons of the Spirit*

In our day, the earth cries out,

**“Can no one see this destruction?”**

In our day, the poor cry out,

**“Can no one see this hunger?”**

In our day, the victims of war cry out,

**“Can no one see this pain?”**

In our day, those who are most vulnerable cry out,

**“Can no one see this fear?”**

**We confess our choice to turn away, O God,**

**and ask for your forgiveness; Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

God’s love for us is without limit.

Surrounded by God’s grace, we hear the call to a new day,

a day where no one shall hurt or destroy in all God’s holy creation.

Friends, our sins are forgiven, and we are remade!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem**

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

John Rutter

The Sanctuary Choir

## Listen for God's Word

### Prayer for Illumination

*from the Book of Occasional Services, PC(USA)*

Eternal God, let your Word shine in our hearts and bring light to our souls, that we might recognize our risen Lord and answer the call to follow in faithful discipleship. Amen.

### Scripture Readings

Psalm 48: 1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 65: 17-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Message

Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Brighton

### Sermon

God's Do Over

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala

## Respond to God's Word

### Affirmation of Faith

*from The Directory for Worship PC(USA)*

**Time, space, and matter are all created by God, redeemed by Christ, and made holy by the Spirit. Because God is the author of history, we may worship at any time. Because heaven and earth belong to God, we may worship in any place. Jesus worshiped at the synagogue and temple, but he also worshiped in the wilderness, on hillsides, and at lakeshores, demonstrating that God cannot be confined to any one place. Through Christian worship ... we participate in God's plan for the redemption of time, space, and matter for the glory of God.**

### Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

*from Seasons of the Spirit*

Holy One, many have shared with us: time, food, wisdom, insight, shoulders to lean on, hands to help, and hearts filled with compassion. As a sign of our thanksgiving, we offer our gifts. Amen.

Adoration  
Florence Price

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### \*Presentation of Our Gifts and Lives to God

*Please sing the Doxology.*

### 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...**

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**In Our Prayers: Thanksgiving for the safe arrival of Bennett Lane Downing on Sunday, August 29, Prayers for Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Matt and Mariann Kabel, Brenda Cole, David Milnes, Bev Koos, Hudson Stoner, Rebecca Koos; Barb Thede, families and victims of gun violence, abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and all recent natural disasters; FPC members and all others receiving the COVID vaccine.**

### For Your Information:

**Mission Partners:** Rev. José Pilar Alvare Cabrera and Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*); Alice Chikomo in Harare, Zimbabwe; Veda Gill (*Presbyterian Education Board, Pakistan*).

**Hospital visits** by the Pastors are made when patients give permission and when pandemic precautions permit.

**InTouch Information:** If you or a loved one is unable to attend church services and would enjoy a contact from one of First Presbyterian's In-Touch members, please contact Deacon Bev Koos (563-676-0292).

**The Prayer Chain** connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois (563-355-5292).

**Printed Prayer Requests** require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

**Prayer Shawls** are available for you to give to those you know experiencing a challenge or joy. For your choosing, a variety of shawls are hanging on the coatrack near the main office).

## Anthem Texts

### “I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes”

Text: Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yes, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth forever. Amen.

### “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Text: Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you. Amen.

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## The Prayer of Jesus

adapted from EARTH DANCE based on the Lord's Prayer  
attr. Karen Loveland, Minnesota Women's Press, December 1999

**Our parent who created the earth, nurturing are your ways.  
May your web of life be woven and your way be found: within, as it is all around.  
Thank you for our daily bread.  
Forgive us our misuse of you, as we forgive others their misuse of us.  
And lead us not into exploitation,  
but deliver us from lording it over you, each other, and our fellow creatures.  
For yours are the waters of life, the hills, valleys and plains of home,  
For now, and for as close to forever as we will ever come. Amen.**

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing

### \*Hymn

God, the Mountains Tell Your Glory

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1. God, the moun-tains tell your glo-ry, lift-ing praise to you a-bove!  
2. Lord, when Mo-ses was re-turn-ing to the moun-tain that he knew,  
3. Christ, you taught up-on a moun-tain, show-ing us God's king-dom view.  
4. Thank you now for blue-green moun-tains, red-brown me-sas, high peaks, too.

In your Word, each moun-tain sto-ry shows your pre-sence and your love.  
There a bush was bright-ly burn-ing. There it was he heard from you.  
In the heights when you were pray-ing, God's own glo-ry shone on you.  
Here may we en-joy cre-a-tion, known your pre-sence, learn from you.

No-ah built as you com-mand-ed; soon the wa-ters swirled a-round.  
La-ter Mo-ses felt your pre-sence; in the heights he knew your grace.  
Climb-ing to a qui-et gar-den, in your grief and faith you cried.  
Here may we sing out your glo-ry, hear your call and find your grace.

Those you saved, Lord, safe-ly land-ed; you set them on moun-tain ground.  
He broughtdown the Ten Com-mand-ments from your ho-ly moun-tain place.  
On a hill for our own par-don, you, O Lord, were cru-ci-fied.  
Ri-sen Christ, we'll tell your sto-ry, from these highs to ev-ery place.

### \*Charge and Benediction

attr. unknown

You have a place in God's creation.  
Go now and stand as tall as a mountain.  
Sing out like a tree-top bird.  
Reach out like rippling water.  
Shine as bright as the sun above.  
Serve Christ and love the Earth!

May the Spirit of God, blowing from the mountains,  
fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth  
and the knowledge of Christ within you. Amen.

### Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You  
Sanctuary Choir

Peter C. Lutkin

### Postlude

Toccata in B Minor

Eugène Gigout

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