

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).



## COVENANT NETWORK OF PRESBYTERIANS

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 (seasonofcreation.org)



#### **Preparation for Worship**

We invite you to meditate silently on art, music and Scripture.
\*Worshipers 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.



## The Staff of First Presbyterian Church:

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala Bridging Pastor

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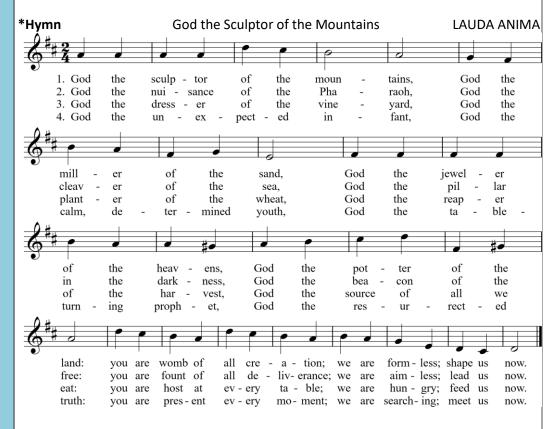
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For more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook

www.fpcdavenport.org

Let us worship God.



## **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
The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

## 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.

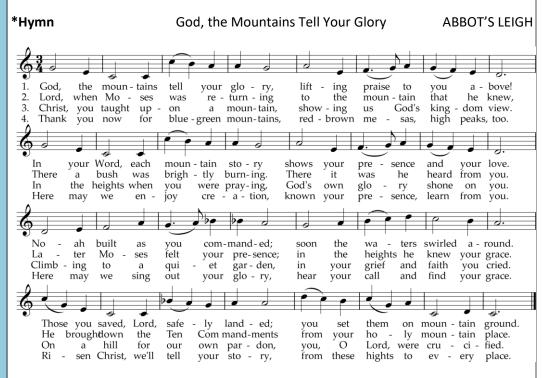
And lead us not into exploitation,

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



#### \*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 Peter C. Lutkin

Sanctuary Choir

Postlude Toccata in B Minor Eugène Gigout

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