



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

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2022 Worship at 8:30 and 10:00 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 gender identities are welcome here, along with their families.

# We are a Matthew 25 church



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

#### Land Acknowledgement

First Presbyterian Church gratefully acknowledges the Indigenous Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Indigenous communities who make Iowa and Illinois their home today. The communities we serve through our ministries occupy the traditional homelands of the people of the Kiikaapoi, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówin, Peoria, Sauk, and Meskwaki nations. We honor these and numerous *Indigenous tribes who first* made the banks of the Mississippi River a center for arts and commerce.



Anon., 15th-century Greek manuscript, "The Seventy Disciples"

#### **Preparation for Worship**

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

\*Worshipers who are comfortable doing so, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

#### LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR MEDITATION

2 Kings 5: 1-14 Psalm 66: 1-9 Galatians 6: 1-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

#### The Church Gathers To...

Gathering 8:30 a.m. Improvisation Alex Gilson

**Prelude 10:00 a.m.** Fanfare for the Common Man Aaron Copland

Welcome and Announcements Matt Bishop

**Prelude 10:00 a.m.** Once He Came In Blessing Harm. by J. S. Bach

#### **Our Staff**

Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala Bridging Pastor Rev. Pat Halverson Parish Associate

Sarah Greim & Paula Hartmann
\* Interim Christian Ed. Coordinators

Matt Bishop

Director of Music

Alex Gilson

**Principal Organist** 

& Assistant Director of Music

Linda Bengfort\*

**Assistant Choral Director** 

Kathy Middleton\*

Assistant Choral Director

for Children

Kristine Olson

Finance Manager

Angie Hook\*

**Accounting Assistant** 

Susan Parker

Church Administrative Assistant

Kandis Cooper\*

**Nursery Coordinator** 

Darren Long

Facilities & Custodial Supervisor

Kevin Wilson

Custodian

Chad Dean\*

Custodian

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Outside office hours, this number will go to the pastor on call in case of emergency.

For more information, see the e-news, church website or Facebook www.fpcdavenport.org

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## **Praise Almighty God**

#### **Call to Worship**

from Graham Fender-Allison Church of Scotland

How can it be that God knows and loves each of us?

How can it be that God draws us close, even here, even now?

How can it be that God hears us when we have wandered away?

How can it be that God heals us when our hearts are heavy?

Because:

God's love is strong, God's touch is tender,

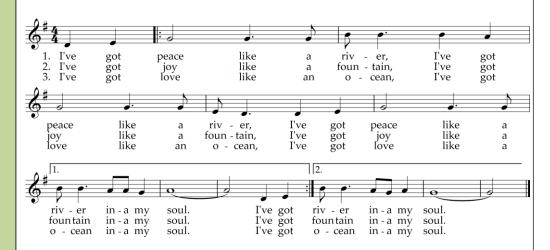
and God's grace is eternal!

Let us worship God.

#### \*Hymn #368

#### I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER



## Confess to a Forgiving Creator

#### **Call to Confession**

from Thom M. Shuman

God's anger does not last. But God's favor, God's grace, and God's forgiveness are forever. God is ready to hear and heal us; let us tell the truth about ourselves as we pray:

#### **Prayer of Confession**

from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell and Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

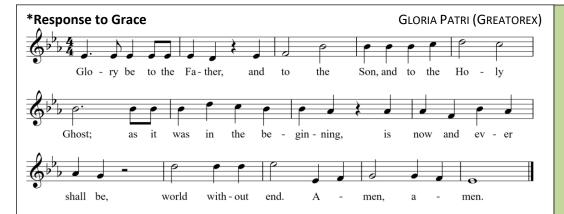
Holy One, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, instead of trusting you, we look to institutions and world leaders, the stock market and poll numbers, social media and bank balances. We seek out signs of prosperity rather than signs of Your work on the margins around us. We listen to those who say what we want to hear rather than those who cry for justice. Forgive us; open our hearts to discern Your voice; and grant us the courage to trust your grace; Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

from Psalm 30

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. God turns our mourning into dancing; God replaces our sackcloth with garments of joy. Friends, our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!



#### Listen for God's Word

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

God of all nations and peoples, you sent Jesus to gather all humanity into new life with you. As we turn to the pages of Scripture, grant us, by the power of your Spirit, the zeal to proclaim your good news of peace and justice; Amen.

#### **Lesson from the Christian Scriptures**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem 10:00 a.m. Battle Hymn of the Republic

Peter J. Wilhousky

The Sanctuary Choir

Children's Message Ruling Elder Sarah Greim and Friends

**Sermon** Christ's Mission is for the Multitudes Rev. Elissa Bailey

## Joys & Concerns

**In Our Prayers**: families and victims of gun violence including the communities of Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna CA, TOPS grocery in Buffalo NY, and Robb Elementary School in Uvalde TX; the people of Ukraine and all who groan under oppression; for God's presence with all who are grieving the loss of Holly Rivera, Sandra Darland Meeks, Janis Lynn Novak, Rick Harter, Janice Reichard, Rev. Sue Howes, Carolyn Draper Math, Jim Hall, Jim Keenan, Rebecca Koos, Ron Solt, Karen Hean, David Layman, brother of Ann Schwister; for God's grace and mercy to touch Julia Pedigo, Teresa Lasala, Jim Woods, Jim Lasala, Allison Kennedy, Tammy Wood, Benjamin Bartnicke, Chris Cook, , Erin Middleton Cavan, Danielle, Dorothy Bain, Lynette, Brenda Cole, David Milnes, Hudson Stoner, Dorothy Downing and those experiencing abuse, addiction, violence, loss, suicide, COVID-19, and natural disaster.

#### 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:** the Pastors make hospital visits when patients give permission and when pandemic precautions permit.

**InTouch Information:** For anyone who is homebound and would enjoy a contact from one of First Presbyterian's In-Touch members, please contact Deacon Colleen Duenas.

The Prayer Chain connects those who need prayer with those who commit to a ministry of prayer. Contact 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 r/o to the church office directly (563-326-1691).

#### **Bible Basics 201 in June**

Bible Basics will continue to meet each Wednesday through the summer. On Wednesday, June 15, we will start a video series, The History and Archaeology of the Bible. Taught by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, a National Geographic Historian and a Christian, the series looks at important archaeological discoveries related to stories in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. No preparation or study is needed. Just show up to watch the 30-minute video and join in on the discussion. Easy!

July 6 - Joseph in Egypt

All are welcome.

For more information, contact Mark Jones (<u>mkjones@mchsi.com</u>) contact Mark Jones (<u>mkjones@mchsi.com</u>)

Here is the Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/822 83095977?pwd=VnJFdmowcFJu a3hSWEpQanNBVFhFdz09

> Meeting ID 822 8309 5977

> > Passcode 215593

### Respond to God's Word

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

from the Confession of 1967, PC(USA)

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world. Jesus Christ is God with us, the eternal Child of God our Creator. Jesus 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 Trinity is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

#### Offering Our Gifts and Lives to God

from Galatians 6

The apostle Paul wrote, "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ .... Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith."

With gladness, we bring our tithes and offerings.

Offertory 8:30 a.m.

Battle Hymn of the Republic Theresa Jacobsmeier – Soprano

Arr. Mark Hayes

Offertory 10:00 a.m.

Andante religioso

Felix Mendelssohn

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

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



#### **Commissioning of the Ireland Choir Tour Travelers**

Rev. Elissa Bailey from Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

God of Grace, and God of Glory, we sing Your praises,

for Your name is on our lips and in our heart.

You compose the music for all creation

and call us to sing in harmony;

You lift your conductor's baton to gather us;

and sound your pitch to blend our voices.

Even when we aren't certain of the notes,

we trust that You will resolve our chords.

For the Ireland Choir Tour Travelers:

As you lift your praise to God,

do you joyfully and willingly offer

your gifts and training, devotion and talent? **I do.** 

Will you honor those with whom you travel, and in faithfulness to Christ, offer your best for the glory of God? I will.

For the congregation, will you support these Ireland Choir Tour Travelers with your love, encouragement and prayer?

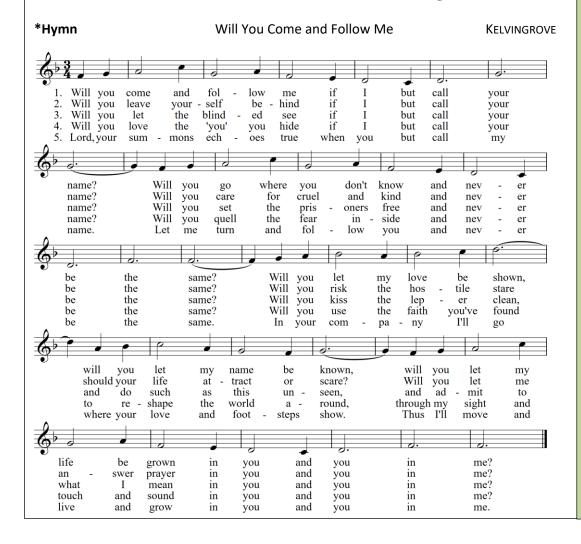
We will.

Let us pray:

O Lord, our God, bless these musicians and travelers who offer themselves for your service.
Grant them love for you and for all your people.
May their music inspire others to give glory to your name;
Amen.

Ireland pilgrims, as you travel:
May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields;
and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

## Go To Serve With God's Blessing



#### **Liturgists Wanted!**

If you are interested in serving as a liturgist for Sunday services, please reach out to Diana Miller-Bur, our new Liturgist Coordinator.

But you ask:

\*What is a Liturgist?
Liturgists stand at the lectern, lead the congregation in all the responses and share the Word of God by reading the Scripture lessons.

How often would I have to volunteer?

As much or as little as you want, that is up to you.

Please contact Diana with any questions or with your interest. Her email is: diana.miller.bur29@gmail.com or phone number 949-302-7542

Thank you!! We hope to see you at the lectern soon!

#### **Volunteers Needed!!**

Volunteers are needed to help water the flowers on the Boulevard. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Deacon Paula Hartman or Deacon Andy McNeal.

#### **Weekly Program Schedule**

#### **Summer Worship Schedule**

Today, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

#### **Coffee Fellowship**

prior to and after worship services;
Pershing Street lot and Narthex

#### Online Worship Watch Party

Sundays, 10:00 a.m. See e-news, website or Facebook

#### MusikGarten

Sundays, 8:30 am., Zoom

# Cherub Choir/ Kirkwood Choir/ Sunday School/Confirmation Class/ Adult Christian Education

**Summer Recess** 

#### **Caring Closet**

Sundays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. Fridays, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Open for Shopping and Donations

#### Independence Day

Monday, 7/4, Office Closed

#### **Church Staff Meeting**

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., zoom

#### Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Zoom

#### <u>Deacons Pastoral Care and Spiritual</u>

<u>Development Committee</u>

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. zoom

#### Pickle Ball

Wednesday 9 – 11:00 a.m., Gym

#### **Bible Basics 201**

Wednesday, 6:15 p.m., Zoom

#### **Vesper Bells and Sanctuary Choir**

In Recess

#### **Ireland Tour Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday,7:00 p.m., Choir Room

#### **Ireland Tour Choir Bus Departs**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Parking Lot

#### \*Charge and Benediction

Celtic Blessing

Rev. Elissa Bailey

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

Deep peace of the shining stars to you

Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you

Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you

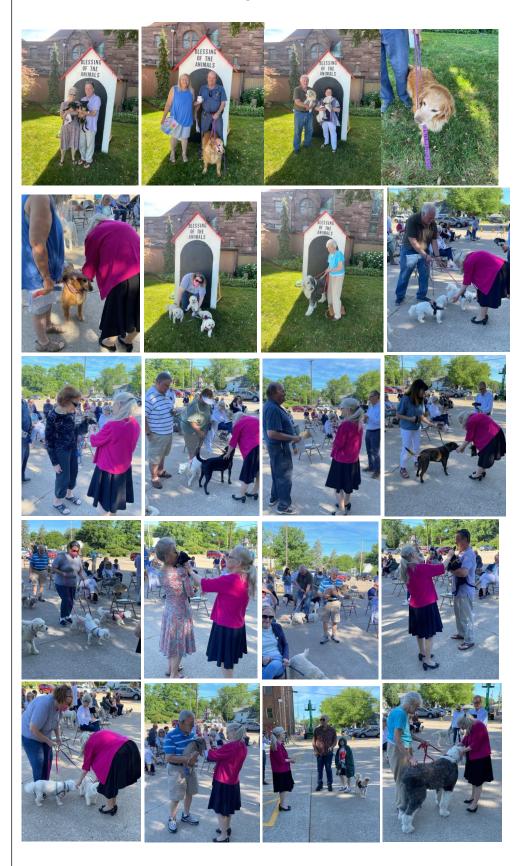
Deep peace of Christ to you.

#### Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Anna Laura Page

#### **Blessing of the Animals**



# Welcome Back to Rev. Elissa Bailey

We welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Elissa Bailey, Interim Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Iowa. Elissa is a graduate of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. She has served congregations throughout Great Rivers Presbytery in west-central Illinois. She has also served as the Assistant Stated Clerk and then the Stated Clerk in Great Rivers since July of 2012. She was elected as the Stated Clerk of PEIA in March and started on May 1st, 2022. Elissa loves the work of Stated Clerk and especially helping Session clerks navigate the process of being a clerk. Elissa is a selfproclaimed polity geek. She also enjoys teaching and learning and sees it as a lifelong process. Elissa is also a full-time graduate student working to complete a Master of Mental Health Counseling and as she works towards licensure as a mental health counselor. In Elissa's free time, she enjoys her family. Elissa and her husband, Don, have six children total. Three of them live at home as well as two cats. Elissa and Don also have two grandchildren. Elissa also loves reading and she enjoys traveling. She is Grace and Sophia's Girl Scout leader and Sophia's soccer coach. Lastly, what you need to know about Elissa is that she is a born and raised Iowa girl and a piece of her heart will always belong here in her home state!

#### Mission Study is Available!

The FPC Mission Study entitled "At the Crossroads" is now available for members to read on the church website. The document was created by the **Pastor Nominating Committee** to tell the story of our congregation—past, present and future--for pastoral candidates. Its message, regarding the need to revitalize the life of First Church, is also directed toward the membership as we seek to partner with a new leader to achieve that goal. The PNC encourages you to thoughtfully review the study and consider how you might impact the future story of First Presbyterian Church. To access the study, click here: https://www.fpcdavenport.org/ at-the-crossroads-mission-study or go to the home page of the of the church website and click on At the Crossroads.

#### **Ireland Choir Tour**

On July 9th, members of FPC will embark on a 12-day music outreach tour of Ireland. We are grateful for the support of the congregation and ask for your prayers for safe travel and meaningful experiences. As our mission component, we are partnering two charity organizations in Ireland: COPE Galway works with the unhoused, victims of domestic abuse, and senior citizens; the Alice Leahy Trust is a homeless shelter and healthcare service in urban Dublin. You can give to these organizations through the church in advance of our departure at this link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3u1Nipc">https://bit.ly/3u1Nipc</a>

You may follow our progress and view daily photos at the church's Facebook and Instagram pages: @musicatfirstpres

#### Itinerary:

July 9: Depart FPC by coach for O'Hare, fly direct to Dublin

July 10: Arrive in Dublin, transfer by coach to Galway (2 nights)

July 11: Walking tour of Galway, excursion to Aillwee Cave and the Cliffs of Moher

July 12: Travel to Bunratty Castle, lunch in Limerick, and arrive in Cork (2 nights)

July 13: Concert in St. Peter's Church, Bandon

July 14: Travel to Kilkenney (2 nights)

July 15: Day in Carlow (Sister City with Davenport), civic welcome from the mayor, concert in St. Mary's Church

July 16: Travel to Dublin (4 nights)

July 17: Free day in Dublin

July 18: Concert in All Saints Church, Blackrock

July 19: Concert in St. Mary's Church, Lucan

July 20: Fly direct to O'Hare, travel by coach back to FPC

