

First Presbyterian Church
Lake Park, Iowa
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10:30a.m.

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent

Musical Prelude - Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship (Based on Hosea 11)

L/ When my people in Israel were but children, I loved them and brought them out of Egypt. But the more I called them, the farther they went from me.

C/ We have sacrificed to false gods and burned incense to our own images. We have forsaken the Lord by seeking after our own gain and safety and comfort.

L/ My people look only to themselves and they do not realize that it is I their God who heals them, I who teach them to walk, I who feed them and love them. I have bent down and loosened the noose around their necks and I myself set them free!

C/ We do not think of God as doing things, but instead focus on our own deeds and our own thinking. We fail to trust God, but instead take the situation into our own hands. We are full of pride in the wrong thing. We forget God.

L/ But how could I ever let them go? My heart is locked upon my people. I am God, not a human. I will not come in wrath. I will change their hearts and I will roar within them like a Lion. I will bring them home to me!

Hymn of Praise: #3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (*stand if able*)

Prayer of Confession (*please remain standing*)

L/ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say this—those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

C/ Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities. They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

L/ He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy. (Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22) (*remain standing*)

Gloria Patri #812

“Special Music”

Reading of Scripture

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 2: 8-15 (Page 333)

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-19 (Page 1799)

No longer, then, do we judge anyone by human standards. Even if at one time we judged Christ according to human standards, we no longer do so. Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also. Our message is that God was making all human beings his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends.

Hymn: #686 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (*please remain seated*)

Sermon: “Breaking Free” (Based on Joshua 2)

Offertory; Doxology #815
Prayer for Tithes and Offering Deacons

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns Lord’s Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving (from our Reformed Tradition)

L/ O God, inexhaustible source of all good things, we bless thee for thy gifts of love. Grant that we may hear thy Word with a real desire to receive what it promises and to practice what it teaches.

C/ Engrave thy Word on our minds and our hearts, and

transform us by thy Spirit into the image of thy Son, making us reflect on thy glory in the mirror of thy gospel. (Reformed Church of France, 1963)

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #415 We Are Called to Be God's People (*stand if able*)

Ministry Leaders

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Worship Leader: Rick Porter

All members are ministers of Jesus Christ

Attendance 03/07/21: 15

Offering 03/07/21: \$1166.80

Per Capita for 2021 is \$43.00

Per Capita for 2021 paid: 20

Gifts to Roof Project: \$2050.00

-Birthdays this week: March 14th - Ashley Delaney, March 15th - Lona Hedquist, March 16th - Carol Jensen, March 17th - Jasmine Marki, March 17th - Kevin Winters, March 19th - Connie Clark and March 20th - Josie Byers.

-Anniversaries this week: March 17th - Lee & Jasmine Marki and March 18th - Wes & Tina McClure.

-If you have Pastoral Needs, please call the Church Office.

-Reminder: Per Capita for 2021 is \$43.00. Also, we've seen a rise in the cost of the Offering Envelopes. Please be aware that the tan envelope in the front of your box is to be used to help offset these costs.

-The Prospect Hill Presbytery has a practice of praying for the churches within the Presbytery. We can be connected to other Presbyterians by following this schedule.

Week of March 14th - Ebenezer, George - Rev. John Pea.

-Confirmation will be this Wednesday, March 17th at 5:30p.m. Also they will be having their Confirmation Lock-In on Friday night, March 19th.

-If you have not received a Tax form about your Tithes and Offerings for the Year 2020. Please call and leave a message with your name and address to Ann McClain at (712)330-2868. Thank You!

-Congregational Meeting after Church **Today** for Election of 2 more Elders.

-Notice: Anyone interested in being the Church Treasurer, **Please** Contact the Office or Brian Kessler.

-Red Roses and Ivy would like you to know that Easter Lilies are for sale at \$16.50 + tax, which includes foil and bow. If interested call them at (712) 832-3500 to order and tell them which Church you want your Lily to be delivered to.

-Just a reminder that some people have not picked up their **Annual Meeting Packet, Offering Envelopes or 2021 Directory**. They are still available on the table in the Narthex, please pick yours up today. Thank You in advance!

-Roof Financial Drive started on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and will continue through Easter Sunday, April 4th. Please write in the memo of your check that this is where you want it to be designated. Any questions please look at your March Newsletter for details.

-Next Sunday, March 21st will be "Camper Scholarship Offering".

-Easter Egg Drive Thru will be on Saturday, March 27th from 9:30a.m. to 11:00a.m. Monetary donations for candy, etc. and volunteers are needed. Any questions please contact Nancy Younie. Thank You in advance!

