



**March 8, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Waterloo, IA**



Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude

All Are Welcome

Haugen, arr. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements:

CALL TO WORSHIP

-- Psalm 96:1-13

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD;

For he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

***HYMN**

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

#35, Hymnal

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come, let us confess our sins to God

So that we will live in the light of God,

So that we will have fellowship with our Lord and each other.

So that we will demonstrate God’s love to others.

Come let us confess our sins to our Lord

For he will abundantly pardon all who call on him, depending on his steadfast love and unswerving mercy.

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,

Too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,

And what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;

Open to us a future in which we can be changed;

And grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;

Through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.¹

Hear the Good News. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sin from us. Rejoice in God’s goodness and grace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Response to Grace:

#288, Hymnal

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Choir Anthem

The Old Rugged Cross

Scripture Reading: John 9:39-41, 10:1-10

Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that those who do not see may gain their sight, and the ones who see may become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and asked him, "We are not blind too, are we?"

Jesus replied, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin, but now because you claim that you can see, your guilt remains."

"I tell you the solemn truth, the one who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought all his own sheep out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice. They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not recognize the stranger's voice."

Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus said to them again, "I tell you the solemn truth, I am the door for the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, and may have it abundantly

Sermon

"I am the Door"

Rev. Tim Dyck

COMMUNION

Hymn of invitation:

"Come Behold the Feast of Heaven"

#511, Hymnal

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you,

Our God is with us.

Lift up your hearts in praise to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise to the only wise God, our Savior.

You are holy, O God, but our ancestors chose to ignore your commands, bringing death and despair upon all humanity. Yet despite our rebellion, you came into this world to redeem those oppressed by despair, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the exploited.

So our Lord took on being human and lived amongst us as one of us. He was born into poverty, lived with the marginalized, and suffered the indignities of the rejected - sharing human suffering. He came into darkness as the light of the world, bringing truth and grace to our condition.

Let humanity sing together on the day of salvation. The plan of Providence has come to light, a song of hallelujah of praise to the most High, The Messiah of Judah, without ceasing.

Let us praise from joy, the truth is that there is a Redeemer, a Savior who is born to us - Christ, the King - Jesus, who comes before day to create a new day.

Born in darkness to bring light in Bethlehem without being hidden.

There is a Redeemer at the dawning of the day, O new and happy day!

Our redeemer, and our healer, beneath the scourge of his own people, suffered humiliation and pain for our redemption. He wore the weavings of spiky thorn into a merciless crown so that we could be shown mercy.

His trials were ungracious, his rights trampled so that grace could grant us the right to become children of God.

There is a Redeemer at the dawning of the day, O new and happy day!

Words of Institution:

. . . we proclaim his death until he comes again in glory.

*Here is love, wide as the ocean, mercies, boundless like the sea!
Here the Prince of life in anguish dying – dying thus to set us free.
Who His love can but remember? Who His Name can but adore?*

Ne'er such love can be forgotten while heaven lasts for evermore.

There is a Redeemer at the dawning of the day, O new and happy day!

So on this new day, let us make use of our privileges, for they are bought with an awful price. Before the day of death, let us escape; today is a day of reconciliation, and supper is ready, the table is set, O let us hurry.

The hands that bore nails, receives prodigal children to make them his very own, to come and feast at his bountiful table – there to feast eternally,

Amen, Amen, Let there be praise for ever, Amen. Hallelujah to the Messiah who forgives forever, who by his death brings about a new and happy day. Amen

As we celebrate your coming, O Christ into our world to redeem us through the outpouring of your life on the cross, helps us this day to prepare ourselves for the day in which you will come in glory.

Grant that we too may be faithful and persevere until that time when all will acknowledge our Lord Jesus as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, when all will be restored to complete wholeness and when we will rejoice in the new and happy day of our Lord. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Serving of the Elements:

(Please hold the bread and the cup until all are served. Thank you)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you with all our hearts for your mercy and grace. Give us now and in the days to come a living hope in you; and as we serve you in the world, help us look and work for that day when at your name every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess you Lord to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

***SONG OF SENDING**

“My Song is Love Unknown”

Insert

Vs. 1-3 – all, vs. 4 women, vs. 5 men, vs. 6 all.

***Charge and Benediction**

As we leave this place and time of worship,

Called to follow our Lord Jesus in all things.

May we continue to walk in his light and love

So that we might live in the hope of his peace,

Sharing God's grace with all we meet

So that they will experience Jesus' love through us.

Come, let us walk in the light of Lord

Until that day when we will all gather before the throne of God.

Rejoicing in God's perfect peace as we rest in Him.

Even so come, Lord Jesus to rule and reign forever. Amen.

Postlude

What Wondrous Love is This

Southern Harmony, arr. Larson

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The lectionary reader today is Nancy Valentine

The pulpit flowers today are provided by Sue Albright

The guest pianist this week is Sue Feltman

First Church Staff

Rev. Tim Dyck, Pastor and Head of Staff

Gabe Wagner, Sanctuary Choir Director

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