



August 23, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Waterloo, IA



Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude

'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

setting by R. Haan

Welcome and Announcements:

CALL TO WORSHIP

-- *Psalm 8*

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***HYMN**

"He Is King of Kings"

#273, Hymnal

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, and model your love and kindness to the glory of your Name; 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

If we say we have no sin, or pretend it's not that big a deal, the only people we're fooling are ourselves, because God and everyone else knows that we sin.

Despite this, Jesus loved us enough to come and take care of our sin.

The good news is that if we call our wrong actions and inactions the same thing God does then because of Jesus, God forgives our sins and removes from us from all that gets in the way of following Jesus.

Trusting in God’s mercy and love, let us confess our sins.

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you,

For we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways,

For we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble,

For we have rejected your guidance and have gotten lost altogether.

To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion.

O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe,

Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles.

Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy -

And your steadfast love, revealed to us through your Son, Jesus Christ.

It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the embodiments of your grace.

Here is God’s amazing grace. In Christ we are forgiven, made new and loved.

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: **“Speak, O Lord”** **Insert, vs. 3 Only**

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises,

And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Scripture Reading:

James 2:14-26

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can this kind of faith save him?

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and eat well," but you do not give them what the body needs, what good is it? So also faith, if it does not have works, is dead being by itself. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith without works and I will show you faith by my works.

You believe that God is one; well and good. Even the demons believe that– and tremble with fear. But would you like evidence, you empty fellow, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? You see that his faith was working together with his works and his faith was perfected by works. And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Now Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness," and he was called God's friend.

You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. And similarly, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another way? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

Sermon *“Life Changing Faith”* Rev. Tim Dyck

***Song of Response** *“Arise, Your Light is Come”* #744, Hymnal

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer *pg. 35, Hymnal*

Presentation of Our Offerings

O People of God, we have been blessed with not only all the blessings in spiritual places, but also in our daily lives. In gratitude for the love shown us and so that this love can be experienced by others, we now respond by giving so that the work of God may continue throughout the world. Let us take our morning offering at this time.

Offertory *A Prayer of Peace* Higgins

***Doxology** *"Make a Joyful Noise to God!"*
 #54, Hymnal (Verse 1 only)

Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled through-out our days.
Glorious is you sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.

***Prayer of Dedication**
Gracious God, Dear God, you have given us so much. As we give you back some of what
you first gave us, they represent our commitment of all that we are and have to you.
Help us to live out our calling to love you, serve others and witness to all that we are in
Jesus Christ. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Song of Sending** *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"* *#761, Hymnal*

***Charge and Benediction** *--- Col. 3:16-17*
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
With thankfulness in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do,
In word or deed,
Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
Giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Postlude *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* setting by D. Wood

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The lectionary reader this week is Marsha Platt

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in honor of their kids' birthdays*

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