



August 31, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
Waterloo, IA



Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

There Is Power in the Name of the Lord

arr. Ham

Call to Worship

Psalms 103. Selected verses

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits --

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with love and mercy,

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

To those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD,

O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.

Bless the LORD,

All his hosts, his ministers that do his will.

Bless the LORD,

All his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul.

***Gathering Hymn**

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

#33, Hymnal

***Prayer of the Day**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

O Lord, we are supposed to worship you in Spirit and in truth.
But our sin gets in the way of your Spirit.
Our pride keeps us from hearing your truths.
But your mercy and love allows us to confess our sins and have fellowship with you.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you bestow on us the honor of being called your children.
Yet so often we live as though the forces of darkness were our parentage.
We do the things we should not and don’t do those things that we should.
We find ways to ensure our own comfort ignoring others in need and taking from them.
Forgive us our self-centeredness and our selfishness.
O God, give us the willingness to live out our lives as your children.
Help us to embrace your love and share it with others.
That by your Spirit others will be drawn to you.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of God’s amazing grace. In Christ we are loved and made new.
Therefore, rejoice because we are forgiven through God’s grace.

*Passing The Peace

The grace, love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you!
Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.
(The people exchange signs of Christ’s peace and reconciling love)

***Response to Grace** **“Spirit of the Living God”** *#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.

Life of the Church

Ministry of Music soloist: Mattie Dooley

Scripture Reading: **Luke 7:36-50**

Now one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. Then when a woman of that town, who was a sinner, learned that Jesus was dining at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfumed oil. As she stood behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. She wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the perfumed oil.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner."

So Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you."
He replied, "Say it, Teacher."
"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed him five hundred silver coins, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled."
Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."
Then, turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house. You gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss of greeting, but from the time I entered she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfumed oil. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which were many, are forgiven, thus she loved much; but the one who is forgiven little loves little."

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."
But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?"
He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Sermon *“Hubris and Grace”* Rev. Tim Dyck

***Song of Response** *“To My Precious Lord”* *#704, Hymnal*

Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed *pg, 34, Hymnal*

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

Presentation of Our Offerings

God gifts us with grace, mercy and love – calling us to follow him in sharing those gifts to the world around us. With joy, we share those gifts so that people will know Jesus loves them.

Offertory *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Bach/arr. Hayes

***Doxology** *“All Creatures of our God and King”* #15, vs. 6, Hymnal

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!

Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us— Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.ⁱ

***Song of Sending** *“May the God of Hope Go With Us”* #765, Hymnal

***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

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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 *Festive Flight* Martin

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The lectionary reader today is Nancy Valentine

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Rev. Tim Dyck, Pastor and Head of Staff

Gabe Wagner, Sanctuary Choir Director

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