

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP THIS WEEK

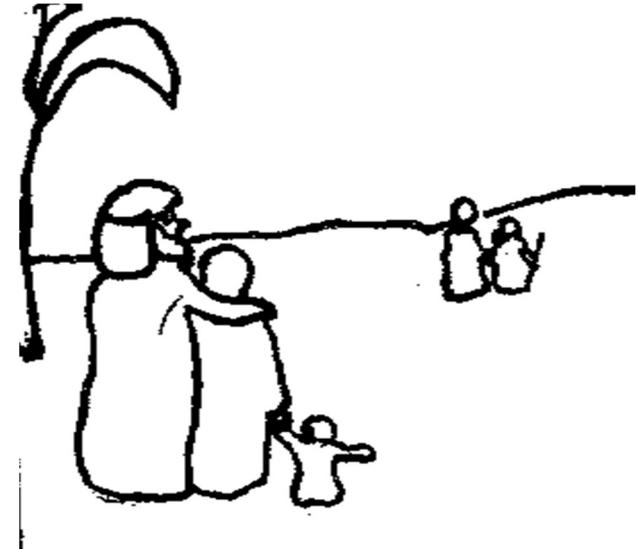
Preacher: Rev. Leanne Thompson
Organist: Beci Eliason
Special Music: Darcy Gubrud and Sue Carus
Projectionist: Elliot Christensen
Sound Tech: Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor: Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking: Doug Bakker
Ushers & Greeters: Kelly and Dorothy Kienholz and Family
Coffee Fellowship: Jeff and Cheryl Tebben



Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here to worship God and spend time with your family of faith. As we worship together this morning, here are some things to know:

- **Children are welcome in worship!** We appreciate their curiosity, their wonder, and even their noise. We want children to know that they are welcome in God's house and in God's family. As a ministry to parents, a **nursery is provided for children birth-1st grade.** Children are invited to stay in worship through the Children's Blessing before going to the nursery. Activity pages and play bags are available for children during worship.
- **Copies of the sermon are available** in manuscript form at the back of the sanctuary each week. If you have difficulty hearing the sermon, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the manuscript to follow along during worship.

**First Presbyterian Church
Willmar, MN
June 25, 2017**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.
Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God cares for us completely
and calls for our total commitment.

**All: Christ gave his life that we might live
and calls us to give our lives to him.**

One: Through Christ we have died to sin;

All: in Christ we are fully alive to God.

One: Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN #457 (PH)** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin destroys our lives. Sin destroys our relationships. Sin destroys our hope. But through faith in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our lives, our relationships, and our future are no longer enslaved to sin. Let us trust the love of God and confess our sin, that we might receive grace and find true freedom.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, God of Hagar and Ishmael, who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins. We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is in his name that we pray.

~ Silence for Reflection ~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God, who loves us, does not abandon or forsake us. Our Savior hears and answers when we cry out from the wastelands of sin. Death cannot bind us, for the risen Christ sets us free. Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S CHAT

HYMN #298 (PH)

"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 21:8-21
Romans 6:1-11

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"Sent Away"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day, our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"A Simple Song" BERNSTEIN
Darcy Gubrud, Soloist
Sue Carus, Accompanist

***DOXOLOGY #592 (PH)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***HYMN #432 (PH)**

"Song of Hope"

POSTLUDE