

March 20, 2022
First Presbyterian Church
Waterloo, IA
Third Sunday of Lent

Order of Worship at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo March 20, 2022 Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude "Nocturne in C# minor" Chopin (Thank you for placing your offerings in the baskets by the doors as you enter the sanctuary.)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

People: And you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Leader: Seek the Lord while He may be found, People: Call upon Him while He is near; Leader: Let the wicked forsake their way,

People: And the unrighteous their thoughts

Leader: Let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them,

People: and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" #166, Hymnal

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

I know Lord, that I must come to You just as I am. But I also know that I dare not go away just as I came. Often I have known failure – failure in the moral realm, failure in ethics, failure in my attitudes, failure in my disposition. I have confessed all these defeats and You have graciously forgiven me. Yet I know Lord, that merely to forgive me will not suffice. For unless I am changed, I shall do these things again. At last I know, Lord, that only You can correct that within me which makes me do wrong. Where I am blind, You must give me sight. Where I fail to heed Your voice, You will have to something about my deafness. Even where I deliberately choose to do what I know is wrong, You will have to do something about my will. I acknowledge my total dependence upon You. Make me into the person You want me to be that I may yet find that destiny for which You gave me birth.

Amen.

(A Peter Marshall prayer – revised)

Words of Assurance and Peace

Leader: May the God of mercy, who forgives all your sins, strengthen you

in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in

Eternal Life.

People: Amen.

Song of Response "We Are Forgiven" #447, Hymnal

Passing The Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Special Music "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Hayes

Soloist: Tyler Gajewsky

Scripture Reading Philippians 3:7-21 (pg. 198, NT)

Sermon We Go On Rev. David Feltman

Song of Response "Seek Ye First" #175, Hymnal

Affirmation of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #606, Hymnal

Song of Sending *"In the Midst of New Dimensions"* #315, Hymnal

Benediction

Postlude "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Hayes

Preaching today is Rev. David Feltman. He worships with us here at First Church often. Rev. Feltman retired from the Executive Presbyter position in 2019. Dave and Sue live on an acreage south of Waterloo. Rev. Feltman will be preaching for us on April 3, 10, and Easter Sunday, April 17.

Preaching next week will be Rev. Ian McMullen, Pastor to the Presbytery

First Church Staff

Visiting Pastor: Rev. David Feltman
Rev. Dr. Pat Geadelmann, Associate Pastor of Care and Visitation
Tyler Gajewsky, Sanctuary Choir Director
Melody Steed, Handbell Director
Linda Wiles, Organist/Pianist
Amber Gilles, Office Manager
Gary Gilles, Jr., Streaming Service Operator

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thu 9:00am to 4:00pm; Closed Fridays