

Order of Worship at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo
August 21, 2022



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"* arr. Harlan
(Thank you for placing your offerings in the baskets by the doors as you enter the sanctuary.)

Call to Worship

Psalm 121

One: We are from north, south, east, and west.
All: We are from tiny apartments and expansive houses.
One: We have always lived here, and we're just visiting.
All: We are from big families and dinners made for one.
One: We are from stages of grief and stages of love.
All: We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.
One: We are from many rivers, but from One Source.
All: Today we are together, one community of grace.

Prayer of Preparation

God of healing, reconciliation, and liberation,
You free us from our burdens and promise us safety and refuge.
Help us to open ourselves to the movement of Your Spirit,
so that in Your freedom we can share the good news of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn *"In Christ There is No East or West"* #318, Hymnal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Isa. 58; Luke 13:13

God of Justice and Love,
You call us to serve others without judgement and
You promise to guide us continually with wisdom.
But we forget, and yield to fear.
We trust in the tangible rewards of this world,
and neglect Your promises.
We confess that we are a divided people;
we foster separations and widen rifts

in our families, our communities, and in the world.
Open us to Your healing.
Free us from all that distances us from Your presence.
Give us Your grace and inspire us to serve You with courage;
Through Jesus Christ who comes to save.
(quiet reflection)

Assurance of Grace (From Psalm 103)
One: As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God’s love for us. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us.
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!**

Response to Grace *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” vs. 1* #435, Hymnal

Passing The Peace
One: May the peace of Christ be with you!
All: **And also with you!**

Prayer for Illumination

Special Music *“Alleluia”*
Soloist David Kabel

First Reading Isaiah 58:9b-14 (pgs. 688-689, OT)

Second Reading Luke 13:10-17 (pg. 76, NT)

Sermon *The Best Sabbath Ever* Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

Song of Response *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”* #761, Hymnal

Offering Ourselves to God

Presentation of Our Offerings

Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* #606, Hymnal

Prayer of Dedication

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.

Song of Sending *“Together We Serve”* #767, Hymnal

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”* arr. Harlan

Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee is the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls

The Lay Leader for Worship today is Mary Mumm

First Church Supported Missionaries
James McGill – *Niger and South Sudan*
Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley – *Democratic Republic of Congo*
Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez – *Philippines and Southeast Asia*

First Church Staff
Visiting Pastor: Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee
Tyler Gajewsky, Sanctuary Choir 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