



September 6, 2026
First Presbyterian Church
Waterloo, IA



Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are able
Prelude *Come, Christians Join to Sing* Vandall

Welcome and Announcements:

CALL TO WORSHIP --- *Psalm 109:21-31*
O sovereign LORD, intervene on my behalf for the sake of your reputation!
Because your loyal love is good, deliver me!
For I am oppressed and needy, and my heart beats violently within me.
I am fading away like a shadow at the end of the day; I am shaken off like a locust.
I am so starved my knees shake; I have turned into skin and bones.
I am disdained by them. When they see me, they shake their heads.
Help me, O LORD my God! Because you are faithful to me, deliver me!
Then they will realize this is your work, and that you, LORD, have accomplished it.
They curse, but you will bless. When they attack, they will be humiliated, but your servant will rejoice.
My accusers will be covered with shame, and draped in humiliation as if it were a robe.
I will thank the LORD profusely, in the middle of a crowd I will praise him,
Because he stands at the right hand of the needy, to deliver him from those who threaten his life.

***HYMN** *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”* #1, Hymnal

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**
Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
O God, our actions in going our own way astound those who see it.
In our arrogance we have committed two wrongs.
We have rejected you the fountain of life giving water and dug cisterns for ourselves, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.
Yet your mercy and grace is available to us if only we ask. So hear now our confession.

O Lord, you gave your law so we would know how to behave,
But our behaviors are conditioned by our attitudes and values.
And so, O God, you want us to change those values and attitudes
Yet we resist and fight; we are not willing to change
We like our little indulgences,
We pretend that they're not that bad.
And so we confess that our sin starts in our minds
Our actions are based on our attitudes
Change our hearts, O God.
May they be contrite and broken over our sin.
May we seek your righteousness
And find our place in your love.

Passing of the Peace

Response to Grace: *“Open the Eyes of My Heart”* #452, Hymnal

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You , I want to see You

**To see You high and lifted up, Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love, As we sing holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you**

James 3:13-18

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, accommodating, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and not hypocritical. And the fruit that consists of righteousness is planted in peace among those who make peace.

***Song of Response** *"Jesus Calls Us"* #720, Hymnal

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

O Lord, who are we that you provide so generously for our well-being? For you have blessed in Christ Jesus and poured out your Spirit on us. We enjoy your many gifts. More amazingly, through our gifts we are able to participate in your work in the world. We humbly collect our morning offering so that others may enjoy your love and grace.

***Doxology** *"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"* #327, Hymnal (Verse 1 only)

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Lord, through these gifts and offerings we once again affirm our loyalty to you as ruler of all, the great High Priest and the source of all love. Accept now, we pray, these our gifts that your work will continue in the Cedar Valley and throughout the world. Amen.

***Song of Sending**

"My Friends May You Grow in Grace"

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***Charge and Benediction**

--- based on Eph. 3

Now through faith may Christ dwell in our hearts —

So that we, being rooted and grounded in his love,

May have strength to comprehend with all of God's people

What is the breadth and length and height and depth of Jesus' love,

And to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

That we can be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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