



"A Crack in the Façade"

August 28, 2022
First Presbyterian Church
Waterloo, IA

Order of Worship at First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo
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Prelude *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"* arr. Schwoebel
(Thank you for placing your offerings in the baskets by the doors as you enter the sanctuary.)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship **Psalm 81:1**

One: Sing aloud to God our strength;
All: **shout for joy to the God of Jacob.**

Prayer of Adoration

God of glory, we praise Your name in all the earth! We seek out Your wisdom, ground our identity in Your love, and share Your joy and hope with others. Bring us into this new day with praise on our lips and humbleness of heart. Amen.

Gathering Hymn *"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"* #33, Hymnal

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison) *Isa. 58; Luke 13:13*

Merciful Lord, we confess that we avoid inevitable conflict with flawed tools: ignoring complaints, maintaining a façade, wishfully thinking things will improve without intention or communication. Sometimes, we even aggressively defend a crumbling façade with our anger and agitation. We confess that we rarely give up our demands without a fight. We exchange flexibility and adaptation with fierce resistance to change.

You show us what is good, but we invest ourselves in things that crumble. Forgive us for our pride, O God. Forgive us our stubbornness for things that will not last. Show us a new way to live in Christ Jesus' name. Amen.

(quiet reflection)

Assurance of Grace

One: What is the Good News of Jesus Christ, if not a new beginning?
All: **What is the Good News of Jesus Christ, if not a renewal of covenant promise?**
One: What is the Good New of Jesus Christ, if not a clean slate, newfound freedom, and unconditional love?
All: **We knew separation for a time, but God’s love will never let us go. Let us live together in peace for such a time as this. Amen.**

Response to Grace “How Lovely, Lord” #402, Hymnal

Passing The Peace

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

Prayer for Illumination

God of Peace, we open our hands and our hearts to Your message of love: to show hospitality to strangers, remembrance for those in prison, honesty in relationships, generosity with our wealth. Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 2:4-13 (pg. 699, OT)

Second Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (pgs. 227-228, NT)

Sermon *Investment Strategies* Rev. Christine Kaplunas

Song of Response “God of the Sparrow” #22, 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 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” #546, Hymnal

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “We’re Marching to Zion” arr. Wolaver

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The Lay Leader for Worship today is Nancy Valentine

Elders Serving on the Session

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