



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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June 9, 2021

Worship
Join us weekly on
our website:
Firstprescf.org

This Weekend's Worship

10:00 am In-person and on Facebook live

Sermon: "To Be Blessed"

Scripture: Matthew 4:23-5:12; Luke 6:20-23

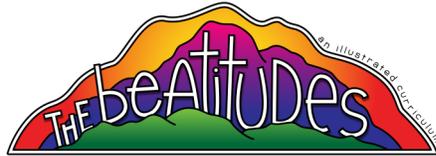
Question of the Week: Have you ever run out of something important? What did you do? Go to our [Facebook page](#) and tell us your answer!

Prayer of Preparation

Loving God,
We praise you for your abundance!
Abundant love! Abundant belonging!
Abundant hope!
Help us to break down the systems around us which cause harm, and to bring your kingdom to our world today.
Amen.

The Beatitudes – Mountaintop Blessings

What does it mean to be blessed? In our current context the word is used for well-wishes,



"Be blessed", signature lines, "Blessings," and acknowledgements of good fortune, "#blessed". But what did Jesus mean when he sat atop a mountain and sermonized about those who are blessed? What would Jesus hashtag as a blessing?

This summer we will be sitting with Jesus atop the mountain reflecting on what is commonly called the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew and its parallel, the Sermon on the Plain in Luke. We will find that Jesus understood those who are blessed to be people we often think of as unlucky or having lots of trouble or disadvantaged or even lazy. Jesus' topsy-turvy teaching showed them they are loved, they are special, and they are not alone. He encourages us to learn this from one another, taking note that we all have the capacity to reflect divine hope.

Our series will be more intentionally intergenerational. We will learn with our youngest ones how imagination and movement engage our faith. We will learn with our midlife siblings what our current context asks of us. We will learn from our older adults the wisdom gleaned from encountering generations of the world's challenges.

We will also learn from people groups who have long been marginalized and treated as undervalued. We have much to learn and a wonderful community in which to learn it.

As we move through this series, we will be engaging in multiple ways. Many of us will be traveling this summer and many of us will be worshipping from home. As we enter our new worshipping normal, let's take advantage of the creative ways we have learned to stay connected during the pandemic.

Join us in-person, on Facebook live, or on CFU local programming

Go to Facebook @firstprescf and answer our Question of the Week

Sign up to assist with worship as a worship leader, in-person or via prerecorded video. If you can't lead in person, but would like to be recorded, let Pastor Julie know and we'll work it out.

Print out the weekly Discussion Page and reflect on the questions.

Be on the lookout for more. Do you have a great idea? Pass it along to us!

Your fellow mountain climber,

Pastor Julie

Church Birthdays

Jun 12-Molly Wells, 13-Debbie Smith, 16-Sandy Lawry, Jakob Hagee, 17-Jeannette Mukayisire, 18-Harriett Bullock, 19-Gary Clark

Family Page

See the activity page attached to this email.

For your prayers...

Bruce and 'Pete' McCart both battling cancer.

Brad and Sandy Jensen's sister-in-law, Julie Johannsen, now in hospice care.

Notice of important upcoming events: *A full schedule is on page 2.*

Zoom Fellowship Hour has been **suspended** for the summer.

Sunday, June 13

10:00 am In-Person worship.

10:45 am Social Time on the west lawn.

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Nancy Hoppe

Pianist: Connie Herbon

Communion Preparers: Rob & Lynette Cline

Computer Operator: Kevin Thedens

Memorial Service Helpers: Jim & Jane Seeley, Neal Leeper

Shepherds: Jean Boller, Kay Leeper, Jan Thedens

Lawn care: Gary Clark

Painting Projector Stands, Cleaning rafters: Jim Seeley

Ways to join worship:

- 10:00 am Sunday in-person with a mask while inside
- Facebook Live at 10:00am on Sunday
- by recording (posted on our website on Monday)
- CFU Public Access channel 95.5 or 18 on Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 12:00 noon (CFU services lag by a week)

Birthday Celebration

Harriett Bullock, (Jeverna Mulligan's mom) is having her 90th birthday Friday, June 18, 2021.

If you would like to send a card, Please send it to:

Harriett Bullock

% Pinnacle Specialty Care

1223 Prairie View Rd

Cedar Falls, IA 50613



This week's schedule (Zoom and on-site)

• Saturday, June 12

10:00 am Joyce Hufferd Funeral, sanctuary- attendance is limited

• Sunday, June 13

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

10:45 am Social Time, west lawn

• Tuesday, June 16

10:00 am Working for Justice: Breaking Bias, Zoom

Thanks to all who helped with the SHINE Summer Celebration! We also want to thank **Betsy Thompson**, our Virtual Shine Director, for her work with us this year.



Sundays - Fellowship Hour

The Zoom Fellowship Hour is being **suspended** for the summer. We will re-evaluate it later for the fall.

We invite you to greet one another outside after worship on the west lawn/parking lot. Please practice safe social protocols.

Sundays - Worship Leaders **Needed!!**

We are looking for people to lead worship with Pastor Julie on Sunday mornings. Please sign on our Sign Up Genius Form: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-worship>

Sundays - Your Turn to Shepherd

We need 4 “shepherds” per service to guide worshipers through the building on Sundays. To sign up, please click on the **Sign-Up Genius link**: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-shepherds1>

Weekly Lawn Mowing Volunteers

Please use the link below to pick a slot to mow the church lawn. Two self-propelled lawnmowers are available. You will receive an email reminder 2 days prior. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-lawn>

Mondays - The Lectionary Study

Please join us on Mondays at 10:00am as we explore the sermon texts for the following Sunday.

<https://zoom.us/j/94644619364?pwd=M1J6YTU1RlB1dTkYLTdGTkJEWj0dz09>

Meeting ID: 946 4461 9364

Passcode: 158493

To phone in: 1 312 626 6799

- Use this link to participate. Emails will not be sent. -

THERE’S a NEW GROUP at CHURCH!

WORKING for JUSTICE: BREAKING BIAS

This group meets on Zoom to learn more about racial inequalities and systemic poverty in our country and locally. Meetings are every third Wednesday at 10:00 am during the summer.

Join us on June 16 at 10 AM! Cedar Heights Presbyterian Pastor Dave Kivett will join us to talk about his work on the Cedar Falls Human Rights Commission.

You can listen to the recording of our May 26 meeting with Rev. Erica MacCreagh of Westminster Presbyterian in Sioux City at this link: https://zoom.us/rec/share/FN98WoMEPrFhfVlsajWTI7AQAcH-fxlg6Tbt3nyymfq7Z2U-w4hncIXczUoF_lbr.r9yRmY9d7BFtY4YV Passcode: m8+T.%N3

Northeast Iowa Food Bank Volunteer Survey

The Community Ministries Team is trying to discern whether there is enough interest to commit to providing a group of volunteers for NIFB. Please follow the link and submit your (confidential) answers. Please note that there are ads in the link – just ignore them!

Here’s the link: [NIFB Interest Survey](#)

Joyce Hufferd Funeral

A funeral service for Joyce Hufferd will be at our church on Saturday, June 12, 10:00 am. The family is welcoming members of our church to attend. Space is limited. There is no reception afterwards.

Please sign up online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA9A728ABF4CF8-hufferd>