



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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July 20, 2022

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
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This Weekend's Worship – 10:00 am

Summer Series: I've Been Meaning to Ask...

Sermon: What do you need? *Part 1*

Scripture: Job 2:11-13 - When Job was going through unspeakable despair, his friends arrive to offer wordless presence and solidarity.

Prayer of Preparation

God our rock, you hear the cries of your people.
Help us to also listen and persist in prayer,
confident in your steadfast love. Amen.

About our Summer Worship Series:

I've Been Meaning to Ask... What do you need? Job 2:11-13

An Artist's Reflection by Lisle Gwen Garrity

The day my grandmother died, my mother-in-law called. My grandmother died peacefully in old age, and yet, my mother-in-law knew the significance of her loss. She knew how my grandmother had helped raise my sister and me when our mother died when we were young. She knew that my grandmother was the matriarch of my large extended family, and that her death would usher in a new reality for us. She knew that my grief for my mother—well-worn and familiar—would bleed into this new, unfamiliar grief. She knew that losing my grandmother would feel like losing a parent all over again.

I missed her call, but she left a voicemail. Softly, her voice message began: "Lisle, I just heard about your Nana..." Then her voice cracked, she sighed, and began to weep. After a few moments of weeping quietly, she found her words again: "Anyway, I love you. Call me if you want to talk."

I don't remember much of what others have said to me in the fresh fog of grief, but I will never forget that.

In a way, she didn't need to ask me what I needed. Without assumption or question, she simply entered into my pain and joined me there. Her profound act of solidarity gave me great comfort when little comfort was to be found.

In this image, I wanted to evoke the emotional impact of rending one's clothing in solidarity with someone who is hurting. While this ancient cultural practice might feel curious to us now, I love that it's an embodied way to tear away the armor that guards our own hearts so we can truly show up—tenderly—to join another in their pain.

If you are hurting right now, may this image remind you: you are not alone.
God's heart is breaking open for you.

—Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity, [A Sanctified Art](#)

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Break Open

by Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by Job 2:11-13
Digital painting with mixed media collage

Church Birthdays

Jul. 20-Ava Wells, Miles Braley, 22-Doug Lawry, 23-Jan Thedens, 27-Carolyn & Caleb Braley, Aug. 2-Justice Humpal

Office Note...

Lynette will be on vacation from Tuesday afternoon, July 26-Wednesday, August 3. Call before stopping by to be sure someone is available.

Nursery Notice:

Staffed childcare is suspended until September. The chapel is available as a quiet area for small children. Changing tables are in the narthex restrooms.

Coming Soon...

Sunday, August 21
11:00 am - Worship will be at 1st Presbyterian-Waterloo

Volunteers can sign up anytime online:

Greeter Sign Up:

[Sign Up Genius: Greeters](#)

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up Genius: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Connie Herbon

Greeters: John & Michelle Luzaich

Videographer: Gary Clark

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Parament Closet Organizing: Jane Seeley

Lawn Mowing: Jim Seeley

(Mowing the week of 7/17-Phil Batchelder)

Save the Date

Sunday, August 21

Pastor Julie will be providing pulpit supply for 1st Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, and we will be joining her! In lieu of a service at 9th & Main, we are invited to join their 11:00 am service.

Rides will be organized at a later date.

Thank You

◆ My recovery is going very well. Thanks to everyone for all of the cards, prayers, and well wishes.
- Kevin Thedens

◆ Hawkeye Community College believes that every student matters and that every student can succeed. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support. Your gift of \$3000 to the Family Literacy Fund will help us continue to meet the educational needs of the college.

With warmest regards,

Jenner Hoover

Stewardship and Alumni Relations Coordinator

Hawkeye Community College Foundation

Monies from our local mission budget.

NE Iowa Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

Your skills can provide hope for families across northeast Iowa this summer.

From packing boxes, sorting food, cooking in the kitchen, stocking and assisting clients in the Cedar Valley Food Pantry, or traveling with our staff on one of our many truck routes, we have plenty of opportunities for you to put your skills to use for your community.

Volunteering your time means a family does not have to worry where their next meal is coming from. <https://neifb.org/get-involved/volunteer>

SHINE Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers to help teach Sunday SHINE this year! We will have easy to follow lesson plans available each Sunday. The amount of teaching time is brief, but would bring much joy to your week! You would be working with another volunteer or member of the CYF Ministry Committee to teach a small group of kids. You can volunteer only once, or on a regularly scheduled basis. If you are interested in this fun opportunity, please contact us.



No-Show Tea Party

You are invited to slow down, enjoy a cup of tea and be in support of Wings of Refuge. Your contribution of any amount ensures that survivors of sex trafficking have a safe place to slow down and heal in community. Go online by July 31 to participate so exploitation ends for one more girl: [Wings of Refuge | Kindful](#)

Release and Remember

The Cedar Valley Hospice's annual butterfly release is Sunday, September 11 at the Riverloop Amphitheater, 225 Commercial Street, Waterloo.

The event is from 1:00-3:00 pm and will feature food, family fun and live music by *Flatland Ridge*. The butterfly release will be at 2:45 pm. For more information on how you can donate in tribute of a loved one, go to cvhospice.org by August 26.