



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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July 6, 2022

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
Firstprescf.org



This Weekend's Worship – 10:00 am

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

Sermon: Where Does It Hurt? Part 1

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1-18

Prayer of Preparation

God our rock, you hear the cries of your people.
Grant us the boldness of Hannah
that we may persist in prayer,
confident in your steadfast love. Amen.

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About our Summer Worship Series:

I've Been Meaning to Ask... Where Does It Hurt? 1 Samuel 1:1-18

Rev. Brittany Fiscus-van Rossum, Pastor of Mercy Community Church, Atlanta, GA

How many of us are hurting in silence, hiding our pain because we believe it to be shameful? Maybe we have been taught that since our afflictions aren't as 'bad as our neighbors, we should learn the practiced art of smiling through pain. All of us have known pain and suffering. When we hide that hurt away we often unintentionally create a barrier which keeps meaningful connection at bay.

In order to cultivate connection, we must first get curious about the pain others carry and the pain we carry ourselves. Before we can act in ways which are helpful, we must first acknowledge and believe the pain is real. Bearing witness to each other's pain helps us cultivate compassion for them and ourselves. Our perspectives can be transformed by opening ourselves to the stories of others.

In 1 Samuel, Hannah's pain is ignored, diminished, and mocked. Yet, Hannah vulnerably and courageously bears all of herself before God, which transforms Eli's perspective. She finds release by being fully seen and known by God. Like Hannah, with dignity and honesty we can embrace our stories without shame, trusting that God is present and ever listening. In turn, instead of shirking away or delegitimizing, we can perceive and accept the pain of others, and like the God we follow, stand alongside those who suffer.



Seen

by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by 1 Samuel 1:1-18
Digital painting/mixed media collage

Church Birthdays

Jul. 6-Denise Brown, 8-
Lisa Woodruff, 12-Susan
Duncan, Marlene King,
13-Gus Hill, 16-Cyd Grafft

For Your prayers...

Kevin Thedens

Notice...

Sunday, July 10

Fellowship Brunch hosted
by the Deacons after wor-
ship.

**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: Brad Jensen

Greeters: Brad & Sandy Jensen

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Communion Prep: Mike & Julie Rokes

Lawn Mowing: Kirk Eastman

(Mowing the week of **7/3**-Jim Seeley)

CHILDCARE ANNOUNCEMENT!

With the lack of need for childcare in the nursery this summer, the choice has been made to suspend childcare until children's programming resumes in September. In the meantime, families are welcome to use the chapel as a quiet area to care for small children. Changing tables are in the narthex restrooms.

Pentecost Offering

We received \$1940 for this year's Pentecost Offering. 40%, or \$776, of the offering went to our Soles for Souls fund. These monies help provide shoes and clothes for children through the local 'Eye of the Needle' charity for families in need.

Worship Services Reminder

Our Sunday worship services are replayed on the Cedar Falls Public Access channel every Thursday at 6:00 pm, CFU Channel 18 or Media-com Channel 82.

This week's schedule

Sunday, July 10

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship Brunch, dining room

Monday, July 11

4:00 pm Community Ministries, library

6:30 pm PEO Meeting, dining room

6:30 pm CYF Team, Zoom

Update from Working for Justice: Breaking Bias

The Working for Justice: Breaking Bias group will be reading the book *Organizing Church: Grassroots Practices for Embodying Change in Your Congregation, Your Community, and Our World* by Tim Conder & Dan Rhodes over the summer. We decided we want to explore faith community organizing.

We will resume regular meetings in September and plan to meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10-11 AM, either in-person or by Zoom. Meetings are planned for September 7 and 21, October 5 and 19, November 2 and 16, and December 7 and 21.

New members are always welcome to join our meetings.

Fellowship Brunch

The congregation is invited to a light brunch and fellowship after worship on Sunday, July 10 hosted by the Deacons. Refreshments will be a light, continental style fare. We're looking forward to seeing you!



Personal Hygiene Kits Drive

Community Ministries is collecting personal hygiene products for Eye of the Needle. Products requested are:

bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant
(only those items, please.)

Donations can be left in the marked baskets inside the north entrance from now through July 17.

We will pack donated items into hygiene kits following worship on July 24. These kits will be given to students and families along with school uniforms and shoes as part of Eye of the Needle's school uniform drive.



Monetary donations accepted! Make the checks payable to the church with 'hygiene kits' on the memo and we'll do the shopping for you!