

February 12, 2023

Service of Worship

First Presbyterian, Cedar Falls

Prelude & Welcome

Choir Anthem

“My God, I Am Thine”

Call to Worship

One: Come sing a new song! **ALL: We sing songs of thanks and praise.**

One: God is with us as we gather here. **ALL: We will worship, sing, and pray.**

One: God will send us forth in power and faith, **ALL: to live the words we say.**

Gathering Hymn #308

“O God in Whom All Begins”
using tune #32, “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Time for Wonder-*children are invited forward to collect the noisy offering for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank!*

We Bless Each Other *Kids: God be with you as you stay. Adults: God be with you as you go.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon

Response to the Word #754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Invitation to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless words that humiliate or harm?

How often do we lash out in anger, when we could reach out in kindness:

How often do we hurt those we love and damage relationships that give life?

In your abundant mercy, give us the grace to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness, and to work for reconciliation in our homes and our communities. Turn our hearts back to you and teach us the ways of love, so that we might hold fast to one another and draw near to you.

Assurance of Pardon

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to set us free.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God.

Our Response to Grace #435

“There is a Wideness in God’s Mercy” v.1

Offering Invitation & Dedication *Gifts may also be given online at firstprescf.org*

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Specific congregational prayer concerns are listed in the weekly newsletter

Our Life Together

Sending Hymn #745

“Now Go in Joy”

Blessing and Charge

Go in peace and boldness to love and serve the Lord!