

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: God gathers us here.

ALL: We come, to tell of what God has done for us!

One: Christ is our guide and our friend.

ALL: Love shall never end! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn 267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

all verses

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21

Time for Wonder

Sermon

Hymn 285

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

all verses

Invitation to Confession

Confession

Holy One,

we love you imperfectly:

we do not always keep your commandments.

We love each other imperfectly:

we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction.

We love ourselves and perfectly:

we struggle to believe that we are truly your children made to reflect you.

Forgive us.

By the power of Holy Spirit,

make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace.

Assurance of Grace

Because Christ lives, we also live.

Not because of anything we have done,

not because of our belief or faithfulness: we live because Christ lives.

It is Christ who forgives us.

It is God who re-creates us.

It is Spirit who dwells with us.

Alleluia! Praise be to God!

Our Response to Grace #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

all verses

Offering Invitation & Dedication

Gifts may be given online at firstprescf.org

May 14, 2023
6th Sunday of Easter

Service of Worship

First Presbyterian Church
Cedar Falls

Doxology (tune #609)

For death-defying hope, we praise;—for love that conquers all, we raise—alleluias! Alleluia!

For justice here on earth we sing—and righteousness as if a stream.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Specific prayer concerns are listed in the weekly newsletter

Our Life Together

Sending Hymn 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

verses 1-3

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

Go in peace and boldness to love and serve the Risen Christ!