



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

August 2, 2023

10:00 am  
Sunday Worship  
[Firstprescf.org](http://Firstprescf.org)



### Summer Worship Series

*In this eight-week worship series we're exploring basic Christian spiritual practices as ways to build up resiliency in times of crisis, chaos, uncertainty, and distress. The series looks at body care, grief, forgiveness, anger, connection, grace, and gratitude. Be sure to join us as we build resilient faith together.*

#### Worship on Sunday, August

#### "Sacred Grace"

Exodus 33:12-23; 1 Peter 4:8-11

Practicing grace means practicing just a little bit of detachment, leaving room for imperfection and difference. In Exodus, God graciously agrees to show Moses who God is—but only partly, so as not to overwhelm Moses. We often use grace and forgiveness as synonyms, but God's graciousness to us is not merely reactive forgiveness. It is also proactive love. God neither guilts us nor controls us into perfection. God leaves us the space to be who we are, and to make the choices we will make. This is the dangerous grace of God, and it is the same grace we are called to extend to one another.

"The spiritual practice of grace, is, to my mind, a lot like the practice of leaving space between vehicles. It means giving people a little space to mess up, to be distracted, to be unpredictable, to be inconvenient, without crashing into them. It means stepping back a little, not trying to control others or react to every little thing they do. It means leaving a little bit of room between you and someone else, so that their imperfections—and yours—don't damage you both."

The Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett

**Prayer:** God of glory, your gift of grace is overwhelming. Open us to the Spirit's guidance in the way of sacred grace, so that the example of Christ reflects in us. Amen.

#### Church Birthdays

Aug. 2-Justice Humpal,  
3-Bill Downs, David Lee,  
4-Debbie Dean, 6-Mary  
Clapp, 11-Greg Dotseth

#### For Your Prayers...

**John Luzaich**

Cheryl James, daughter of  
Carl & Evelyn Boice

#### Notice...

Lynette will be out of the office on Monday, August 7 and Tuesday morning, August 8 following cataract surgery. The weekly worship email will (hopefully) be sent Tuesday afternoon.

#### Tuesday, August 8

6:30 pm Session Meeting,  
dining room

#### Sign up anytime online:

#### Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

#### Sunday Supper Helpers!

[Sunday Supper](#)

## Thanks for serving last week:

**Worship Leader:** Jan Thedens

**Computer Operator:** Kevin Thedens

**Videographer:** Neal Leeper

**Weeding:** Jim Seeley

**Lawn Mowing:** Kirk Eastman

**Lawn Mowing 8/6:** Brad Braley

## Annual Rummage Sale

First United Methodist Church

718 Clay Street, Cedar Falls

Thursday, Aug. 3: 5:00-7:00 pm

Friday, Aug. 4: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

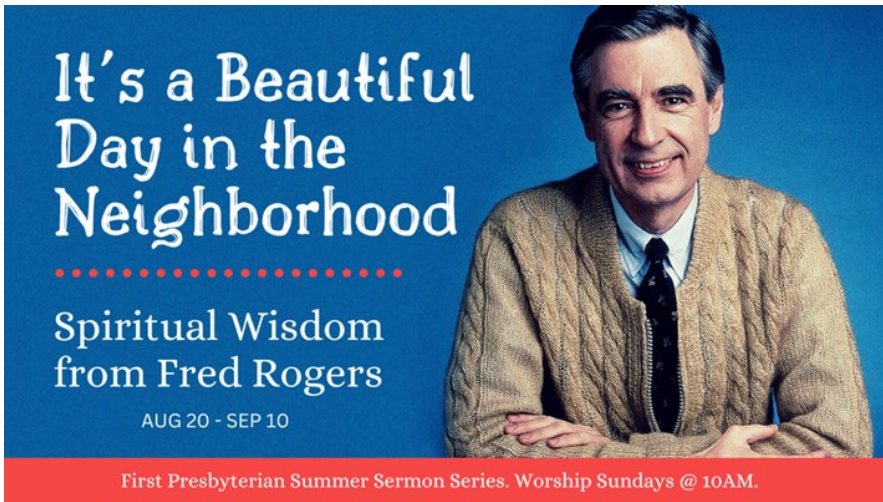
Saturday, Aug. 5: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

\$3 bag sale or 1/2 price sale on Saturday.

Antiques, clothing, books, toys, jewelry, homemade quilts, household items.

Lunch available all days.

## Coming soon...



**It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**

Spiritual Wisdom from Fred Rogers

AUG 20 - SEP 10

First Presbyterian Summer Sermon Series. Worship Sundays @ 10AM.

## Release and Remember

Cedar Valley Hospice will hold its annual Release and Remember fundraising event Sunday, September 10, 1:00-3:00 pm (program and butterfly release at 2:30 pm.)

RiverLoop Amphitheatre

225 Commercial St, Waterloo

Join us for lunch, children's activities and live music.



## Register Now for the Iowa Presbyterian Gathering

August 26, 2023

Northminster Presbyterian  
Ames, IA

Registration is now open for the Iowa Presbyterian Gathering! Worship, keynote, and workshops will all center around the theme of Belonging to God and to One Another.

[Learn more and register](#)

