

## UNITE IN LOVE

### Welcome

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

One: In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it, saying:

**ALL: "It is good."**

One: In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it, saying:

**ALL: "It is good."**

One: In the beginning, God created life, and God blessed it, saying:

**ALL: "It is good."**

One: In the beginning, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

**ALL: God calls us to the life-giving waters.**

#### \*Gathering Hymn #23

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

*all verses*

### Invitation to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**God whose spirit moved over the waters,  
you have washed us in your mercy,  
claimed us as your own,  
found us in community,  
and called us to lives of baptismal grace.**

**Forgive us, O God, for we don't always live as if we are your baptized people.**

**We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness.**

**We prioritize our own selfish interests.**

**We are slow to disrupt the status quo,  
even when it means attending to our neighbors suffering.**

**Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness,  
lead us back to your waters of transformation.**

### Quiet Reflection

#### Assurance of Grace

One: Friends, hear the good news.

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

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!**

#### Response to Grace #482

"Baptized in Water"

verse 3

## GROW IN FAITH

**Time for Wonder** *children are invited forward*

January 14, 2024—10:00am  
Baptism of Jesus

Service of Worship  
Genesis 1:1-5, Mark 1:4-11

First Presbyterian Church  
Cedar Falls, IA

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 1:1-5, Mark 1:4-11

**Reflection on the Word**

**Remembrance of Baptism**

**\*The Word in Song #410**

“God is Calling Through the Whisper”

*all verses*

**REACH OUT TO OTHERS**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Creator in heaven, holy is your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**Offering Invitation & Dedication**

**\*Doxology 606**

**Our Life Together**

**\*Sending Hymn #547**

“Go My Children, with My Blessing”

**Blessing & Charge**

**Postlude**