

UNITE IN LOVE

Welcome

Prelude title: "Slow Air for the Organ" composer: Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)

*Call to Worship

One: Together, we choose to serve God,

ALL: We choose love.

We choose hope.

We choose peace.

We choose kindness.

We choose welcome.

We choose justice.

We choose to serve God.

***Gathering Hymn #23** "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets" *all verses*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting God,
we say we want to see you,
we say we want to know you,
we say we want to serve you,
but we also resist doing the work.
We do not keep alert for signs of you among us,
but just schedule you in for an hour or so on Sundays.
Forgive us, inspire us to put our faith in action.
May we give the best of us to your kin-dom.

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*

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

January 21, 2024—10:00am
Big God Big Questions

Service of Worship
Joshua 24:1-3, 13-15, 22-25

First Presbyterian Church
Cedar Falls, IA

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-3, 13-15, 22-25

Reflection on the Word

Remembrance of Baptism

***The Word in Song #757**

“Today We are Called to Be Disciples”

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

title: "Now Thank We All Our God

composer: Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

arranger: Russell Schulz-Widmar