First Presbyterian Church Cedar Falls, IA

UNITE IN LOVE

Pre-service

Welcome Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Whether we stray like sheep or follow faithfully,

ALL: God welcomes us here.

One: Whether we seek healing and wholeness or stand ready to extend compassion,

ALL: God welcomes us here.

One: Whether exhausted from journeys or renewed and refreshed,

we gather to hear the good news:

ALL: Jesus is our Savior for evermore!

Gathering Hymn #850

"In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"

verses 1-3

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Salvation, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short, for patience when we have stubbornly turned from you.

Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others?

We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts,

rather than offering the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves.

We strive to be more faithful, Lord; we want to be more loving.

Transform us, we pray.

Pour out your mercy upon us, until it flows forth from us through acts of love.

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 #654

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

Anthem "Beautiful Savior" (congregation joins in on vs. 4) Music: ST ELIZABETH, 1866

Words: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677, trans. Joseph A Seiss, 1873

GROW IN FAITH

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading (Noah Tollefson) Luke 15:1-10

One: The word of God for the people of God. ALL: Thanks be to God.

Time for Wonder

We Bless Each Other

Kids: God be with you as you stay. ALL: God be with you as you go.

Scripture Reading Exodus 3:16-17

One: The word of God for the people of God. ALL: Thanks be to God.

Reflection on the Word Who is Your Savior?

The Word in Song #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" 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

Gifts may be given online at firstprescf.org

Doxology #606

Our Life Together

*Sending Hymn #747 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

*Blessing

Postlude