

UNITE IN LOVE

Pre-service Music

Welcome

Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

One: It is God who gathers us here.

ALL: How good it is to come together as kindred spirits.

One: It is Jesus who joins us here.

ALL: How good it is to feel the presence of Christ.

One: It is the Holy Spirit who inspires us here.

ALL: How good it is to open our minds and hearts.

***Gathering Hymn #409**

“God is Here”

Invitation to Confession

Cyd Grafft

Prayer of Confession

O God you bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts.

Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute to the things that break your heart.

You would have us share our gifts with the world,

but we keep our resources close and our minds closed.

You would have us live in faithful community,

but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust.

You would have us see all people as our siblings,

but we separate ourselves from those who challenge our comfort.

Forgive us, O God, by your grace, and free us to be agents of your healing.

Quiet Reflection

Assurance of Grace

Cyd Grafft

One: Friends, hear and share the good news:

It is in God we are given the full vision of love, peace, and unity.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!

Response to Grace #398

“How Good and Pleasant”

Anthem

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”

Chancel Choir

GROW IN FAITH

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Cyd Grafft

April 7, 2024—10:00am
Big God Big Questions

Service of Worship
“Will You Devote Yourself to the Church’s Fellowship?”

First Presbyterian Church
Cedar Falls, IA

Time for Wonder *children are invited forward*

Scripture Reading Psalm 133 Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

Scripture Reading 1 John 1:1-2:2 Rev. Ian McMullen

Reflection on the Word *The Joy of Fellowship* Rev. Ian McMullen

***The Word in Song #308** “O God in Whom All Life” *all verses*

REACH OUT TO OTHERS

Joys and Concerns Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

Offering Invitation & Dedication Cyd Grafft

***Doxology 606**

Invitation to the Table Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

Communion Hymn #510 “We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name” *all verses*

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

[celebrant continues]

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.

Sharing the Meal

One: The bread of heaven. **ALL: We are one in the bread we share.** *[all partake of the bread]*

One: The cup of salvation. **ALL: We are one in the cup we share.** *[all partake of the cup]*

Prayer

Our Life Together Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

***Sending Hymn #745** “Go Now in Joy” *2 times through*

Blessing & Charge Rev. Ian McMullen

Postlude