

UNITE IN LOVE

Pre-service Music

Welcome

Prelude “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Charles Converse, arr. Roger House

*Call to Worship

One: Come, you who are burdened.

ALL: Come worship God, who sets us free.

One: Come, you who are weary.

ALL: Come follow the Spirit who gives us strength

One: Come, you who are seeking.

ALL: Come listen to Christ, who prays for us.

One: Come, you who are willing.

ALL: Let us welcome the Spirit’s movement among us.

***Gathering Hymn #285** “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” *all verses*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you have called us to live lives
worthy of the calling
to which we have been called.
But we confess to you and each other
that we have not always spoken the truth in love;
we have not always made every effort
to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Forgive us for our failings,
shield us from our due,
and guide us into unity with all
for the sake of the whole world.

Quiet Reflection

Assurance of Grace

One: Friends, hear and share the good news:

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

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

Response to Grace #423 “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” *verse 1*

Anthem “Find Us Faithful”

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

Service of Worship
“Will You Devote Yourself to the Prayers?”

First Presbyterian Church
Cedar Falls, IA

GROW IN FAITH

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 51:10-13

Time for Wonder *children are invited forward*

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John 17:20-26

Reflection on the Word

Will you devote yourself to the prayers?

***The Word in Song #451**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

all verses

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.

REACH OUT TO OTHERS

Offering Invitation & Dedication

***Doxology 606**

Our Life Together

***Sending Hymn #765**

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

all verses

Blessing & Charge

Postlude

"So Send I You"

John W. Peterson