



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

June 19, 2024

10:00 am
Sunday Worship
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FACES OF OUR FAITH QUEEN VASHTI

Worship – June 23, 2024

Summer Worship Series: Faces of Our Faith – Bold and Untold Stories

Scripture: Esther 1:1-21

Sermon: “The Woman Who Just Said No”



¹²But Queen Vashti rebuffed the eunuchs and refused to obey the order. *Esther 1:12*

➤ read ESTHER 1-2:17

from the artist | HANNAH GARRITY

Having the bravery and confidence to stand up to an inappropriate request from a superior is both paramount to the moral foundation of society, and extremely difficult. We each know deep down when we are doing right or wrong.

In this text, Vashti’s modesty and fearlessness resonated with me. I imagined her recognizing that her husband’s demand for her to show her beauty to his drunken friends overstepped his bounds.

Her simple reply, “no,” is feared by the male “sages who knew the laws” (Esther 1:13). They advise the king to cast Queen Vashti out and to replace her with a new queen.

Here I have represented Vashti dancing alone. I see her living into her refusal with grace and beauty, exhibiting independence and strength in her solitary righteousness.

Church Birthdays

June 19-Gary Clark, 21-Darrel Flater, 23-Jenny Allen, 24-Noah Connolly, 29-Steve Moon, 30-Nicole Stolte

Sunday Supper donations will be delivered on **June 23**. Please bring items by that date. Thank you!

For Your Prayers...

Elizabeth Weinberg
Nancy Hoppe
Patti Humpal

Amber Grell, niece of
Chris Mulligan & Mandy Grell.

Notice...

Wednesday, June 19

*Juneteenth Service
of Repentance*

6:30 pm at St. John’s Lutheran, 715 College St, CF

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:
[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Thanks for serving last week:

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Videographer: Neal Leeper

Lawn Mowing: Eric Braley

Lawn Mowing 6/23: Brad Jensen

Kitchen Cleaning: Judy Burfeind, Jean Boller,
Margaret Clark, Hope Goering, Kay Leeper,
Jeverna Mulligan, Jane Seeley

Celebration Invitation

We are excited to announce that our son, Collin Braley, is getting married to Angie Fuhrman in Oregon on June 29th.



An Iowa open house reception in their honor will be held **Saturday, July 20th**, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at the Cedar Falls Women's Club, 304 Clay Street. Any of you who are interested in attending are welcome to join us!

Brad and Rhonda Braley

Retirement Celebration

Jenny Allen (SCL program) and Bridget Hartmann (Director of Operations) are jointly celebrating their retirement from North Star Community Services.

Take this opportunity to thank them for a lifetime of caring and dedication. The event is Wednesday, June 26 at North Star, 3420 University Avenue, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Use the east entrance, under the blue canopy!

What's your favorite hymn?

As we celebrate all the Faces of Our Faith this summer, we want to include YOU! To that end, Pastor Julie wants to know what your favorite hymn is and why. Reply to this email with the title of a beloved hymn and a couple of sentences about why it is important to you. If you would prefer to submit a hymn on paper, you may place it in the basket provided in the narthex. Hymns submitted will be featured in an upcoming service.



In Sympathy

Shirley Hill's nephew, Aaron Schultz of Cedar Rapids, died June 12th from complications of a second liver transplant. This was a long journey to peace for him and his family.

Personal Hygiene Drive

The Community Ministries Team is collecting personal hygiene products again this year for Eye of the Needle.

Products requested are:

- bar soap
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- deodorant



(only those items, please!)

Donations can be left in the marked baskets inside the north entrance of the church. Packing will happen on **Sunday, July 21** after worship. Please bring items by then.

We will pack donated items into hygiene kits which will be given to students and families along with shoes and clothes as part of Eye of the Needle's back to school drive.



ThreeHouse Trivia Night

Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 pm

(registration at 6:00 pm)

At **Cedar Heights** Community Presbyterian Church

➤ 2015 Rainbow Dr, Cedar Falls

Test your knowledge with questions in categories like arts and literature, science, business and more!

Sign up at: threehouse.org

Juneteenth Service of Repentance

Wednesday, June 19, 6:30pm – St. John Lutheran Church

This will be a service of confessing the ways Christians in the Cedar Valley have participated (knowingly and unknowingly) in racist actions and systems. The service will be led by various Cedar Falls church leaders (including Pastor Julie) at St. John Lutheran, 715 College St. CF.

Introducing...AFFIRM Youth Group!

AFFIRM is a Christ-centered youth group that affirms the LGBTQ+ community and diverse beliefs. Meetings will be held at St. Timothy's Methodist Church, Cedar Falls. Summer events are 7:00-9:00 pm on the third Sundays.