

UNITE IN LOVE

Welcome

Prelude "*Holy Spirit Medley*," arr. Don Wyrtzen

Call to Worship¹

One: God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

ALL: We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.

One: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

ALL: Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

One: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

ALL: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

Gathering Hymn #19 "God of Great and God of Small"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, like a loving father and a caring mother,
you watch over us and beckon us to follow your path.

But we get stuck: stopped by our fear of trying something new,
trapped by memories of past failures, halted by the clamor of many voices.

We know the distress of worry and the blur of tears.

Like staring at an empty page, we feel overwhelmed and hesitant.

Free us, O God, to follow you with joyful steps, to hear clearly your guidance,
to be bold in our loving, courageous in our caring and brave in our speaking.
lead us back to your waters of transformation.

Quiet Reflection

Assurance of Grace

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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Series: Gifts...

Service of Worship

John 1:29-42

First Presbyterian Church Cedar Falls, IA

Response to Grace # 648 “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

GROW IN FAITH

Time for Wonder

We Bless One Another

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 1:29-42

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

Reflection on the Word (Julie) The Gift of Unbridled Curiosity

Hymn 684 "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

REACH OUT TO OTHERS

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal page 11

Offering Invitation & Dedication

Doxology 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Our Life Together

***Sending Hymn #757** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*Blessing and Charge

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Postlude

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness,” James Manley