November 22, 2026 —10:00am Service of Worship First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Gary Catterson Cedar Falls, IA

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

***Call to Worship** Psalm 95: 1-7a

***Gathering Hymn #363** "Rejoice the Lord is King"

**Invitation to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Sovereign God,**
**we confess that although we readily call Jesus Lord,**
**our lives often reflect the allegiances of a different kingdom.**
**We bow to the pressures of conformity,**
**the allure of material wealth,**
**and the comfort of power and self-protection.**
**We ignore the least of these, tolerate injustice,**
**and fail to live as a people redeemed by radical love.**
**Forgive us, Lord. Strip away our false securities**
**and shatter our quiet complacencies.**
**Grant us the grace and humility to bend our knees to Christ alone,**
**that our lives may truly mirror his reign of justice, peace, and mercy.**

**Quiet Reflection**

**Assurance of Grace**

One: Friends, hear and share the good news:
**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God!**

**Sung Response to Grace #402 (v.3)** "How Lovely, Lord"

**A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High.**
**You shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.**
**The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,**
**And from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.**

**Choir Anthem**: "For the Autumn Sky" Ruth Elaine Schram

**GROW IN FAITH**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading (Pastor):** Ezekiel 34: 11-16 & Matthew 25: 31-46

**Time for Wonder** *children are invited forward* Margaret Clark

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**Sermon** "Caring for One Another" Rev. Gary Catterson

***Hymn #762** **"**When the Poor Ones"

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People:**

One….(worship leader prays) …Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** ***Hear our prayer.***

**The Lord's Prayer: Page 35 in hymnal**

**Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

**REACH OUT TO OTHERS**

**Offering Invitation & Dedication**

***Doxology #607**

**Minute for Mission** Adopt a Family Julie Rokes

**Our Life Together**

***Sending Hymn #767** "Together We Serve"

**Blessing & Charge**

**Passing the Peace: Pastor**

One: May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Share signs of God's peace with one another.

**Postlude**