



First Presbyterian Church Pipestone, Minnesota

August 1, 2021 - 10:00 AM

Prelude :

Ringing of the bell :

Welcome : Elizabeth Fox

Announcement : *(When Applicable)*

Call to worship :

Leader : When the people of God were hungry,

People : **God rained manna upon them, and they ate until they were full.**

Leader : When the People of God are hungry,

People : **God calls us to taste the goodness of God's gifts, and to share our bread with one another.**

Leader : Let us worship the One who is the Bread of Life,

All : **and watch for a glimpse of the heavenly banquet.**

Prayer of Confession:

Leader : It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Take a moment for self-examination.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Leader : Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

All : You are the Bread of Life, O God, and you promise that we will never hunger again, but we do hunger, O Lord, and often for the wrong things. You feed us with grace, but we hunger for achievements. You offer us peace, but we hunger for control. You bless us with plenty to share, but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours. Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness teach us to hunger for things that you do: to hunger for justice, to long for equality, to work for the common good until none of your children have to hunger for bread.

Leader : Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All : Thanks Be To God! Amen.

Gloria Patri : *(Please Stand)*

Scripture Reading : 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalm 51:1-12 - Read responsively

- Leader : Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
- People : according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**
- Leader : Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- People : For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**
- Leader : Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
- People : so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**
- Leader : Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- People : You desire truth in the inward being; [a] therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**
- Leader : Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- People : Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Leader : Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People : Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right[b] spirit within me.

Leader : Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

People : Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing[c] spirit.

Ephesians 4:1-16

Hymn #396 : O for a Closer Walk with God

Gospel : John 6:24-35

Prayer for Illumination:

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message : A Church of Confessions
Elizabeth Fox

Hymn #280 : Amazing Grace

Affirmation of Faith: Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33
The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves

the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art 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. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

Offering : *(Please place offering in plate by back door)*

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Doxology : *(Please Stand)*

Prayer of Dedication : *(Please Stand)*

*We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives— giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. **Amen.***

Hymn #540 : God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Charge & Benediction : *(Please Stand)*

The blessing of the one God—Spirit, Son, and Father—be with you now and always. **Alleluia!** *Ephesians 4:4–6*

Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things. **Amen.** *Ephesians 4:1*

Postlude :



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ANNOUNCEMENT

August 1, 2021

1. JAM Rally August 8th, 2021

Join us at the **Pipestone Family Aquatic** Center on August 8th, 2021 from **1:00-3:00PM** for fun in the sun! This is a family event and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

2. JAM Instructors Needed

We need both teachers and helpers. You will be put into a role that you feel more comfortable with. Those interested in teaching or helping, please contact Emily Speer and attend the Christian Ed Meeting **August 30th at 6:00PM**.

3. Pastoral Nominating Committee

The PNC has met to begin work to find a pastor. They are in the beginning stages of their work and need your prayers at this time.