

10:00 am Worship Service February 4th, 2018

Making disciples through . . .

Worship, as we praise and glorify God; Teaching, as we explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus; Fellowship, as we love and care for one another; and Missions, as we embody God's love in the world around us.

Lord God, you are a redeeming God.

It is not your desire that any of your children should suffer.

You hear their cries and you come from heaven to save.

As we gather to remember your saving purposes
for all who are oppressed,
give us minds, hearts and wills to hear your word to us,
and then to live it.

We pray this in the name of Christ the Savior.

Amen.

Please silence your cell phones

* Please stand, if able.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Take My Life, and let It Be

Wilbur Held

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

O Christ, the Healer

No. 503
Chalice Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

* GLORIA PATRI (Unison)

No. 35

("Gloria Patri" literally means "Glory to the Father." This ancient response has been sung by the Church for nearly two thousand years.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* **HYMN** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

No. 25
Chalice Hymnal

— TIME WITH THE GROWING CHURCH —

(Jesus once said that unless we receive the Kingdom as a child we cannot enter into it. This time spent with the youngest members of our worshipping congregation reminds us of the great truth that all of us are children of God and that all of us need to grow in wisdom and in faith.)

Children of all ages are invited to come forward for a children's message. Following the Lord's Prayer all children are invited to Sunday school. Parents are welcome to accompany hesitant children. Visitors are welcome!

All children, Preschool through 5th grade should be picked up by their parents or guardian in the following location following worship:

Preschool - Preschool Palace, Kindergarten - 1st Grade - Creation Station 2nd and 3rd Grades - Upper Room, 4th and 5th Grades - Kingdom Room Junior Highs (6th - 8th Grades) - Junior High Room, 3rd floor Senior Highs (9th - 12th Grades) - Remain in worship

GATHERING HYMN

Let Them Come

(Children please come forward during the "Gathering Hymn")

Let them come, let them come, let the children come to me.

I have time, I have time, said the Savior tenderly.

Let them come, let them come, please don't send them away.

I have time, let them come, let them stay.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.

DEPARTING HYMN

Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children (Please remain seated and sing this hymn for the children as they depart for Sunday school)

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love: Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(a moment of silent reflection) (Unison)

Lord God our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to fracture the unity of the church, making it hard to see that we are Your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

Precious Lord
Chancel Choir

Jack Schrader

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SERMON

The God Who Embraced Me

Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Jr.

* REAFFIRMING OUR FAITH

NICENE CREED

(Unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down

from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GIFTS THROUGH OUR OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

A Handbell Soliloquy

Valerie W. Stephenson

Chancel Bells

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION THE OFFERING THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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. And 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. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS A PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

(Unison)

Loving God, we thank You that You have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

Take Time To Be Holy

No. 572

Chalice Hymnal

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE



* POSTLUDE

Postludium

Gordon Young

We are glad that you could worship with us today. If you are exploring faith for the first time, seeking to reconnect with your faith, or searching for a church home and would like to learn more about First Federated Church, please introduce yourself to one of us after today's service. You can also call Rev. Frosty at (309) 685-5258 X. 11 or email at fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com and Rev. Zach at (309) 685-5258 X. 12 or email at zlysdahl@ffcpeoria.com.

We would enjoy a conversation with you!

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Welcome to Worship at First Federated Church!

Please turn off your cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to First Federated Church:

We invite you to stop by the Commons for coffee and Fellowship Hour after worship. Information pamphlets about church programs and volunteer opportunities are available.

A Handicap and Family Bathroom is located in the hallway outside the Commons on the first floor.

During Today's Worship - Questions? Ask an Usher.

Large print hymnals, individual listening devices and reading glasses are available in the Narthex for an improved worship experience. Worship also can be heard through the speakers in the Lounge and the Commons.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities are available in the front & back of the sanctuary by the ushers' stands. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

Childcare is available for your infant or small child during 10:00 a.m. worship each Sunday. The nursery is located nest to the Chapel. See one of the ushers for directions.

Kids' Kingdom Sunday School is provided each week during worship. Preschoolers - 5th grade go to the chapel briefly for announcements and offering before being led to separate Sunday school rooms. 6th - 12th grade have separate Junior and Senior High events. All classes last until approximately 11:00 am. Schedule varies during summer months.

Please pass the Pew Friendship Pads so that we know your name and all worshipers have an opportunity to provide up-to-date information and sign up for special events. If you are a visitor, please be sure to give us your address so that we can send you a note.

For pastoral care, to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, to pass along a prayer request, please call the church office at 685-5258 or e-mail: info@ffcpeoria.com