O Merciful Father, who dost look down upon the weaknesses of Thy human children more in pity then in anger, and more in love than in pity, let me now in Thy Holy Presence inquire into secrets of my heart.

Have I done anything today to fulfill the purpose for which Thou didst cause me to be born?

Have I accepted such opportunities of service as Thou in Thy wisdom hast set before my feet?

Have I performed without omission the plain duties of the day?

Have I today done anything to tarnish my Christian ideal of a disciple?

Have I been lazy in spirit or body?

Have I wrongfully indulged my bodily appetites?

Have I kept my imagination pure and healthy?

Have I been scrupulously honorable in all of my business dealings?

Have I been transparently sincere in all I have professed to be, to feel, or to do?

Have I tried today to see myself as others see me?

Have I made more excuses for myself than I have been willing to make for others?

Have I been a peacemaker or have I stirred up strife.

Give me the grace to answer honestly, O God.

John Baillie
Welcome to Worship at First Federated Church!

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 next 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@fcppeoria.com

Please silence your cell phones when in the sanctuary.
NEWS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Responsive)

Liturgist: Since we have a great High Priest who presides over the House of God

Congregation: Let us draw near with true hearts full of faith, with hearts rinsed clean of any evil conscience, and with bodies cleansed with the pure water of baptism.

Liturgist: Let us be strong in hope, never wavering, since the One who promised it is faithful.

Congregation: Let us consider how to inspire each other to greater love and to righteous deeds.

OPENING PRAYER

(Unison)

Loving God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, You are God. Break into our short span of life and show us how eternal things that so that we may serve Your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
* OPENING HYMN
We Gather Together to Ask the Lord’s Blessing
No. 276
Chalice Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SIN
(Unison)

Lord God, we confess that we are too much in love with the things of this world. We lose sight of what is eternally important as we build resumes, seek vain glory, worship buildings and monuments. In our petty battles we ignore Your call to be builders of Your Kingdom here on earth. Our citizens go hungry, children are neglected, and neighbor no longer knows neighbor. We are a much divided people. Forgive us. Unify us so that we can truly do you will here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI (Unison) No. 35 Chalice Hymnal

(“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.
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 and 2nd Grades - Creation Station
3rd, 4th and 5th Grades - Commons
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.
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

ANTHEM
Look At The World
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY
For the Beauty of the Earth
Kevin McCheaney
Chancel Bells

* DOXOLOGY
(Unison)
No. 46
Chalice Hymnal

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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
I Samuel 2:1-10

PASTORAL PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON
Mark 13:1-8

HYMN
Rock of Ages
No. 214
Chalice Hymnal

SERMON
Why
The Rev. Dr. Frosty Krummel, Jr.

* APOSTLES’ CREED
(Traditional) (Unison)
(The Apostles’ Creed is an ancient statement of Christian faith that dates from 180 A.D.)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
* CLOSING HYMN

O God Our Help in Ages Past     No. 67
Chalice Hymnal

BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE

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\text{Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.}
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\text{For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.}
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* POSTLUDE

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given by Joe and Pat Kennell in memory of their loved ones.
“Count Your Blessings”
Annual Stewardship Campaign 2019

Our Goal
$698,750

A very special thank you is extended to those listed below who have responded. As of Friday, November 9th, the office had received 221 responses totaling $670,409 which is 95.9% towards our goal of $698,750.
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 me after today’s service.

You can also call Rev. Frosty at (309) 685-5258 X. 101 or email at fkrummel@ffcpeoria.com.

I would enjoy a conversation with you!

Forrest "Frosty" Krummel, Jr.
Senior Minister

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