

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN
Rev. Roger Graf, Guest Pastor

August 12, 2018

9:00 a.m.

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

Dan Kaufeld

Organ plays for a time of silent meditation.

***Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 130) Liturgist: Gayle Kaufeld**

L: Wait for the Lord, let your spirits wait for God.

P: We wait for the God who is our hope.

L: Wait for God, let your hearts wait for God's truth.

P: We wait for the God who brings the words of life.

L: Wait for the living God, let your spirits wait for God.

P: We wait for the God whose gift is forgiveness.

L: Wait for the Lord, let your hearts wait for God.

P: We wait for the God who joins us to each other in kinship.

L: With open minds and ready hearts let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 2149

"Living for Jesus"

***Confession of Sin (Unison)**

Holy God, you call us to imitate our Lord, your Son. You call us to speak truth to one another, but we are afraid and silent. You call us to be angry when we see injustice, but we are angry with those we love. You call us to encourage one another with our words, but we speak ill of our brothers and sisters. You call us to forgive one another as Christ has forgiven us, but we are bitter and resentful, not wanting to forgive. How we must grieve your Holy Spirit, O God. Forgive us, yet again. Point us toward Christ. Empower us through your spirit to follow Jesus more nearly. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

* Assurance of Grace

*Gloria Patri - Hymn No. 579

Affirmation of Faith From: A Brief Statement Of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we

trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We are Inspired by God

Hymn No. 2233

"Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children's Time

Scripture

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

NT pg. 237

Sermon

"Live Your Faith"

Hymn No. 335

"Though I May Speak"

We Respond to God

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Amen No. 570

Call for Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)

We celebrate the opportunity to share what we have with those who have needs. Bless these our gifts, O God, and our lives as we offer them as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. He who loved us and gave himself up for us invites us to live in love. May your Spirit strengthen us to witness to Christ's love in all we do and say. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

*Hymn No. 2140 "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

*Benediction

*Dismissal Hymn No. 2241 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
"Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name."

*Postlude

WELCOME VISITORS. Thank you for coming to worship with us. Please sign our guest book before you leave.

Sunday Worship at 9:00 am Fellowship at 10:00 am

Office hours W & F 8-12

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NAMI meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

As of 7.31.18, we have received a total of \$3,534.50 for per capita. We owe the Presbytery \$6,382.50 for the 2018 per capita. The donation is \$34.50 per member. Please memo on your check that it's for per capita or place in the small blue per capita envelopes located in the fellowship hall.

Thank you to Rev. Roger Graf for leading us in worship today.