

July 30, 2023—10:00am
Series: Walking in the Storm

Service of Worship
Week 6: Sacred Connection

First Presbyterian Church
Cedar Falls, IA

UNITE IN LOVE

Welcome

Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

Prelude

“Pass It On”
by Kurt Kaiser, arr. by Mark Hayes

Connie Herbon, piano

Call to Worship

One: This body of Christ is a holy collection of lives and stories.

ALL: Braided into each other, the one is made of the many.

One: This body, God has woven together:

ALL: That we may find our hope in each other.

That we may hold grief in community.

That we may remember no life is disposable.

One: By the Spirit, we are made one body.

ALL: Joined together, let us seek the flourishing of all.

Gathering Hymn 300

“We are One in the Spirit”

all verses

GROW IN FAITH

Time for Wonder

“We Are the Church”

children are invited forward

Refrain:

I am the church!

You are the church!

We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus,

all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

**1. The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.**

Refrain

**2. We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places.**

Refrain

**3. And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,
all of it saying:**

Refrain

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Reflection on the Word

Sacred Connection

The Word in Song 308

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”
Sung to the tune of #32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

all verses

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have formed us into your one body,
yet we look at each other and too often say, “I have no need of you.”
We take relationships for granted and let our connections with others and with you
wither and snap.
Heal us of our broken places, broken relationships,
and broken priorities, and help us to live as interconnected members of your true and holy body.

Quiet Reflection

Assurance of Grace

One: Our God is loving and forgiving.

Be assured God's loving arms tenderly hold us in forgiveness
and send us forth to new life. Receive and share the good news:

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made whole, thanks be to God for love like that.

Response to Grace 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

all verses

REACH OUT TO OTHERS

Offering Invitation

Gifts may be given online at firstprescf.org

Sung Dedication 708

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

verse 1

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Creator in heaven, holy is your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

Our Life Together

Sending Hymn 540

“Farewell, Good Friends”

sing 2 times through

Blessing

Postlude