

July 16, 2023—10:00am
Series: Walking in the Storm

Service of Worship
Week 4: Forgiveness

First Presbyterian Church
Cedar Falls, IA

UNITE IN LOVE

Welcome & Prayer

Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee

Prelude

“Amazing Grace ”

Phil Batchelder

Call to Worship

One: Come, worship the Lord our God

ALL: who has spun this new day into being

One: a day for us to praise and rejoice

ALL: to forgive and be forgiven

One: to live as God’s children

ALL: and enjoy God’s love!

Gathering Hymn 664

“Morning Has Broken”

all verses

GROW IN FAITH

Time for Wonder *children are invited forward*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Genesis 18:20-33, Matthew 18:21-22

Reflection on the Word

Sacred Forgiveness

The Word in Song 445

“God, How Can We Forgive”

all verses

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

we confess that we struggle with forgiveness.

It’s hard to forgive.

It’s hard to be forgiven.

It’s hard to offer forgiveness and hard to ask for it.

And even when offered and received,

forgiveness seems elusive.

Lord, teach us to forgive as you forgive,

not grudgingly, but out of an abundance of love

and a belief in the power of mercy to redeem and transform the world.

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.

Our Response to Grace 435 "There is a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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 436

"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

Blessing

Postlude