

Welcome To Worship



First
Presbyterian
CROOKSTON, MN.

Sunday, August 26th, 2023 5th Sunday After Pentecost

**Those who are able please stand*

PREWORSHIP FELLOWSHIP
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVITATION TO REST

***OPENING SENTENCES: The Words of God's People**

Imagine you could see Christ as you walked in this morning, Standing before you, with love in his eyes, waiting to begin worship with you.

Write down 1 or 2 "opening sentences" you would say to him to begin worship.

Collected after announcements, your words will be read (anonymously) for worship today.

***GATHERING HYMN #401**

Here In This Place

KYRIE

(Please join us in the "Kyrie", an ancient song that mirrors the words people used to cry out to Jesus for healing in the scriptures. In Greek they mean, "Lord, have mercy". The church has sung these words for thousands of years as prayer and to prepare our hearts for confession.)

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison (Christ have mercy)

Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy)

Kyrie Eleison

CONFESSION OF NEED (Unison)

It has been said, "Be Kind, for everyone you meet is in a great struggle"

But we find it hard to be kind to even ourselves.

It has been said, "In each of us a good and evil wolf fight for control. The winner is the one you feed"

But it often feels like we have nothing left to give.

It has been said, “we rejoice in our sufferings because it brings endurance, which brings character, which brings hope that does not disappoint because of God’s great love.”

But we often can’t find the strength to see beyond the pain.

Therefore, God of wisdom, we confess that we still doubt you are in the messiness of our human struggles and that your strength is found in our weakness. Give us what we need to follow you and the wisdom you offer all along the way.

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SILENCE for confession and resting In God’s grace.

DECLARATION OF GRACE (Responsive)

You are heard, you are held, you are loved by the God who forgives before we even know to ask. This is the grace poured over us. May you live as drenched people.

Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE HYMN**

#743

Step By Step

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsive)**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And Also, with you!**

Let us share a sign of God’s peace with one another.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice beyond our inability to hear and understand your word beyond any speaker’s ability to explain. Through your word, speak to our hearts even if our heads are not ready to listen.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

READING 1..... Genesis 32:22-31

READING 2Matthew 14:13-21

Leader: *The word of the Lord.* People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: **And the 'Ish wrestled with him until daybreak.**

*HYMN OF THE DAY #769 **For Everyone Born**

PRAYERS & GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our "sins")

The Communion

- *Invitation*
- *Prayer of Thanksgiving*
- *Words of Institution*
- *Communion of the People*
- *Prayer*



*BLESSING AND CHARGE (Responsive)

Beloved children of God receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the blessing of the Lord forever.

Alleluia! Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #319 **Shout To The North**

*DISMISSAL (Responsive)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

A Warm Welcome to our Guests and Visitors!

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Calendar for this week:

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Music Director..... Sandy Perkins

Reader..... Ralph Pester

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