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Order of Worship June 22, 2025

PRELUDE *No Hands but Yours*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Darin

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Darin

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,
and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.
We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,
we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.
God has called us together; God has called us to be part of a community.
God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.
In this time together,
may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,
allowing us to see deeper, helping us to live in the world while still offering a challenge to
the ways of the world.

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Darin

*HYMN *When Peace like a River* No. 840

CALL TO CONFESSION Stephanie Merrell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Stephanie Merrell

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

(Time for individual reflection and examination.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Stephanie Merrell

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Amen!

*RESPONSE

Alleluia

(Dakota Road)

Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world. (2X)

Those who follow me will not walk in darkness.

Those who follow me will have the light of life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world. (2X)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Breathe, Open the Eyes of my Heart, Messiah

Laura Lee/Curt

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Stephanie Merrell

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 6:5-8; 13-19

Stephanie Merrell

⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will blot out from the earth the humans I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air—for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.

¹³ And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷ For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 7:11-24

Pastor Darin

¹¹ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹² The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³ On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, ¹⁴ they and every wild animal of every kind and all domestic animals of every kind and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth and every bird of every kind.

¹⁵ They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. ¹⁶ And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him, and the Lord shut him in.

¹⁷ The flood continued forty days on the earth, and the waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸ The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

¹⁹ The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; ²⁰ the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. ²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; ²² everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. ²³ He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left and those with him in the ark. ²⁴ And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred fifty days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Water as a Symbol of Chaos/Judgment”

Pastor Darin

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967, adapted, 9.08

Pastor Darin

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows.

He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.

God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

*HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

No. 32

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Prayer of Dedication



Stephanie Merrell
Stephanie Merrell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor Darin

(Kids, you may come forward to pick up an instrument for the final song.)

*HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No. 39

*BLESSING

Pastor Darin

POSTLUDE

Your River O God

Curt Gullickson

*Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today (June 22)

Rev. Darin Seaman (Pastor), Stephanie Merrell (Worship Leader), Ron/Karen Larson (Ushers), Betty Payne (Greeter), Leah Jacobs, Rickie Espelien, (Nursery) Laura Lee/Curt Gullickson, Jullian Euteneuer (Musicians), Jay Espelien, John Scott, Patty Scott (Audio/Visual), Kathy Arnold (Equal Exchange),

Kitchen Update

Pardon our mess in the kitchen. We are getting new countertops so please bear with us for a few days as the work is completed. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project!

First News

Do you receive First News in your email? First News is a weekly newsletter from the church sent on Monday mornings. If you would like to subscribe, please let Pastor Darin know.

Thank You!

Thank you to Lower Town Project for putting on such an joyful concert at the church last Thursday, your efforts have blessed not only those in attendance, but also helped the Recovery Community tremendously in monetary donations. Even in the storms the Lord will be praised!

Interested in a Bible study? Join us this summer.

Women's Bible study -

Wednesday mornings at 9:15 am

Men's Bible study -

Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am and Friday mornings at 7:00 am

Join us in the main entrance. For more info., call the church office (320) 251-8277.

Calendar

Mon., June 23

7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

Tues., June 24

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm - Lower Town Project Rehearsal

Wed., June 25

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study

2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group

Fri., June 27

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

Sun., June 29

10:00 am - Worship Service