

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa
July 9, 2023

10:00 A. M.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Michael Sydnor

PRELUDE

Janice Ploeger, Organist

CANDLELIGHTING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder: Who will save us from the ways of death?

People: Jesus Christ our Lord; thanks be to God!¹

Elder: Let us worship God!

***HYMN** "To God Be the Glory"

#66

INVOCATION (Please be seated)

Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Elder

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.² (Time of silent prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

***GLORIA PATRI #623**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Pastor

So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. My master's wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. And my master made me swear an oath, and said, 'You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, but go to my father's family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.' "When I came to the spring today, I said, 'Lord, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar," and if she says to me, "Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too," let her be the one the Lord has chosen for my master's son.' "Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.' "She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also. "I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' "She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.' "Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, and I bowed down and worshiped the Lord. I praised the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son. Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn." So they called Rebekah and asked her, "Will you go with this man?" "I will go," she said. So they sent their sister Rebekah on her way, along with her nurse and Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the cities of their enemies." Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took

¹ Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 365). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

² Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 60). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Rebekah and left. Now Isaac had come from Beer Lahai Roi, for he was living in the Negev. He went out to the field one evening to meditate, and as he looked up, he saw camels approaching. Rebekah also looked up and saw Isaac. She got down from her camel and asked the servant, "Who is that man in the field coming to meet us?" "He is my master," the servant answered. So she took her veil and covered herself. Then the servant told Isaac all he had done. Isaac brought her into the tent of his mother Sarah, and he married Rebekah. So she became his wife, and he loved her; and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Leader: The Word of the Lord:

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Elder

"To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: " 'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS TIME

HYMN

"He Leadeth Me"

#461

SERMON

"God's Promise Is Secure"

NEW JOYS & CONCERNS:

Janice Rydberg
Grace Beckord

CONTINUING JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Our Pastor
Our Church
Vacation Bible School
Doug O'Bannon & Family
Shari O'Bannon
Danielle King (Heart Issues)
Kathleen Sydnor
Diane Overmohle
Dennis Pfrimmer & Family
George & Darlene Franzkowiak
Carol Wendel
Tom McDonough & Family
Mark Siebrecht & Family
Mark Diersen
Gene Huelman
Dexter Meseck
Jon Snyder
Malia Meyer
Brenda Segebart (Hospice)
Alice Spooner (Cancer Terminal)

Prayers for the Churches

July 9, 2023 - United, Auburn

July 16, 2023 United, Denison

UPDATE ON DEXTER:

On June 10th we found out his tumor had increased. Then on June 26th he went in and had hip surgery where they took a chunk out of his femur and reconstructed his ball of his hip. He is 6 weeks non weight bearing right now. Life has been busy lately but taking it one day at a time. Thank you for the continued prayers! #DexterSTRONG

*APOSTLE'S CREED

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Response #421 (Verse 1)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" #231

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG "Freely, Freely" (V. 1) #447

*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

*POSTLUDE

(*Those who are able please stand.)

2023 PER CAPITA

2023 Per Capita amount is \$48.35. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please mark your check "Per Capita".

100 PEOPLE WHO CARE

Who: 100 People Who Care Sac County

What: July Meeting

Where: Early United Methodist Church, 402 Hickory St

When: Sunday, July 9, 2023, at 4:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 2023

09	Sunday	10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)
11	Tuesday	6:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
13	Thursday	7:00 pm	Online Bible Devotional
16	Sunday	10:00 am	In-Person Worship in Sanctuary (Masks are optional)

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

CA Rininger (July 9th)
Audrey Currie (July 10th)
Henry Jacobson (July 13th)
Jane Bisenius (July 16th)
Eli Franken (July 19th)

ANNIVERSARY WISHES:

Jerry & Dee Gosch (July 17th)
CA & Terri Rininger (July 18th)
Dan & Theresa Bailey (July 28th)

PRESBYTERIAN ECUMENICAL BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School will be July 31st through August 4th from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. on July 31st for registration.) ANY students going into Kindergarten through students who have completed 5th Grade are WELCOME and ENCOURAGED to come!

This year's theme is: "Hero Hotline Called" Together to Serve God!

VBS Registration, Health, and Covenant forms can be found in the brown information box by the Presbyterian Church's Front Door.

Please fill out the forms and enclose them in the envelopes that are provided and put back in the information box. Take as many forms as you would like! The information box is checked daily.

JUICE DONATIONS

We are asking for donations of juice for VBS.

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