



FIFTEENTH Sunday
after Pentecost
September 6, 2026 – 9:45 AM

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

"Happiness Is the Lord" by Ira F. Stanphill

CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP

#93 "Praise the One Who Breaks the
Darkness"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From selfishness and vain desires,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling and jealousy,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,

Merciful God, deliver us.

#375 "Lord Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. (Repeat)

Please use this period of silence for personal reflection.

Merciful God,

turn us away from the death sin inflicts.

Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings.

Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive,

through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"Beautiful Things"
Kellee Van Hemert

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Indeed, it is true.

In Christ, God makes beautiful things out of the dust...

In Christ, God makes beautiful things out of us.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.

You are God's beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

SONG OF PREPARATION

"If You Believe and I Believe"
a cappella

SCRIPTURE & SERMON

Matthew 18:15-20

COMMUNION INVITATION & INSTRUCTIONS

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you, we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name, singing together:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may attain to the unity of the faith and grow up in all things into Christ our Lord. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into

one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole Church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate in communion. You are invited to exit toward the center aisle to come forward to a serving station; return to your seat via the outside aisles. A gluten free station will be on the south side in the front of the sanctuary. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand so an elder can bring you the elements.

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

#147 "Praise God from Whom..."

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary are brought forward as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.

Food Share donations (both monetary and nonperishable goods) may also be brought forward. Food Share is a monthly mobile food pantry collaborative between Second Reformed Church, the Pella Community Food Shelf, and our neighbors in southern rural Marion County. One day a month, friends of SRC pack bags of groceries, which are then distributed to our neighbors in Attica, Bussey, and

Harvey the upcoming Wednesday. Checks should be made payable to the Pella Community Food Shelf.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE

#596 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Tune: AURELIA (#544)

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward
the center aisle, blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.**

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.**

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

*POSTLUDE

"Aurelia" by Samuel Wesley
settings by Michael Burkhardt, John Innes

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 93

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light.
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word.
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place.

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

Praise the One who frees the pris-oners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
 Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing two-edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

$\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G A7 D

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - ery dread dis-ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand.
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

calm-ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - ery land.
 Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

596 Help Us Accept Each Other

Unison
G A7 G Cdim G Am7(b5) Gmaj7 G6 A7

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

Bm Em Emsus2 Em D Cmaj7 Bm7 Am7 D7sus2 D7

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Bm7 Emsus2 Em Em(#7) Em7 Am9 Bm7 C D/C C#dim7

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:

G/C C#dim7 D Am7 Bm Am C G

we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!