October 23, 2011 **10:30 a.m.**

(* Denotes the congregation should stand if able)

PRELUDE **IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL – VARNER**

***CHORAL INTROIT** **CHOIR**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Liturgist**

(PLEASE SIGN AND PASS THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER.)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

****CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** ***"Jesus, Stand Among Us"*** **#222v. 1 (M)**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Liturgist**

Leader: Gather together to hear stories of faith and courage. Listen for the ways God has acted among us.

People: Our ancestors in the faith listened for God's Word. They dared to believe God's promises.

Leader: Leaders like Moses and Paul saw evidence of God's work. They believed they were face-to-face with God's truth.

People: They looked beyond the present moment. They lived for dreams not yet realized.

Leader: Many felt God's love in knowing Jesus. They experienced a new relationship with neighbors.

People: We have come seeking community centered in Christ. We want to feel God's presence as we worship.

***OPENING HYMN** **"O Christ, the Great Foundation"** **#443**

OPENING PRAYER **Pastor**

CALL TO CONFESSION Liturgist

The word of God comes to us through Moses: "You shall be holy, for I, your God, am holy." But we have taken little delight in holiness. We scoff at pretensions of saintliness, preferring the company of sinners. Wickedness seems more attractive than righteousness, not only for our entertainment but also to boost our success in the marketplace. Do we want to change our accommodation to today's world?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **(UNISON)**

O God, we have missed your signs and wonders because we are so busy creating our own. Those around us who pretend to be your prophets offer little to which we aspire. Yet, we would pray with the psalmist, "Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so we may rejoice and be glad all our days." Where is the meaning we have missed in all our striving? Does Jesus hold the key when he says, "Love God with all your being", and "Love your neighbor as yourself"? O God, we long to make sense of our life. Help us to follow your way. Amen. ***(Time of silent prayer)***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS LITURGIST

As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy towards them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Like a father pities his children, so the Lord pities them that fear him. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** ***Gloria Patri #579***

CHILDREN'S TIME **PASTOR SEEFELDT**

SHARING OF BLESSINGS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE
LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

RESPONSE ***Be Calm My Soul*** (Insert in front of Blue hymnal) v. 1

ANTHEM **JUST A CLOSER WALK – BESIG** **CHOIR**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OT READING: DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12 **PG 151**
EPISTLE: 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-8 **PG 835**
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-46 **PG 699**

SERMON: **"The Greatest Commandment"** **Pastor Seefeldt**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Apostles' Creed, traditional, Page 14)

THE OFFERTORY **OFFERTORY - BOELY**

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS
***Doxology** **#592**
***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN** **"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"** **#210**

***CHARGE**
***BENEDICTION**
*** RESPONSE** ***"Find Us Faithful"*** **on Screen**

***POSTLUDE** **RECESSIONAL - GRANT**

Liturgist: Joyce Bohnker **Organist: Ann Voggesser**
Audio: Bob Irwin **Video: Bob Irwin**
Choir Director: Kristy Zenk
Greeters: Bill & MaryAnn Irwin **Ushers: Al & Michele Olson**

Announcements

Pray for those in the military: Brandon Burns, Tyler Prussing, John Torres, Derrick Franck, and David Franck.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting on November 6, 2011 following worship services for the purpose of electing officers and to approve the pastors salary. Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting.

REMINDER: We encourage all members to pay their per capita of $26.10 to the church at your earliest convenience, if you have not done so. Thank you.

PLEDGE CARDS: If you have not returned your 2012 pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience. Thanks!!

THIS WEEK:
Rev. Seefeldt will be in the office and making calls Tuesday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the present time. If you need assistance, please give him a call at 263-5332 or 263-2971. If you prefer a pastoral visit, please contact the office at 263-4130.

Today, October 23rd: COFFEE following Worship Services
Tuesday, October 25th: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY at Family Table 7:00 a.m.
Coffee & Donuts @ Denison Care for Pastors and Ministry Helpers 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 26th: YOUTH GROUP at Methodist Church 6:00 p.m.
CHANCEL CHOIR 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 27th: BIBLE STUDY 10:00 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: "Boundaries – Staying Healthy to Avoid Behaving Badly"
Thursday, October 27, 2011 – 1-4 p.m. Lakeside Presbyterian Church – Storm Lake, IA
RSVP by email to thehill@prospecthillpresby.org or phone Kay 712-732-2097 at the Presbytery office. Light refreshments will be served.

THANK YOU – I wish to thank Mary for getting my groceries for me. I appreciate it very much. Ruth Overhue

PRAYERS FOR: Dale Kinney, Charles Kruse, Fred Worrell, Barb Saunders

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Leo Burmeister, Putsy Powell, Mary Jean Rasmussen, Ron Bierma, Leona Philipp, and our church family.