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**Welcome to Worship!**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**May 17, 2026 - Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**10:30 a.m.**

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Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

Introit: "Jubilate Deo"

\*Call to Worship:

Before we knew the light of the Lord,  
we stumbled around, confused and lost.

**But now we are children of God!**

**We seek to live in goodness, righteousness and truth!**

Together we renounce the works of sin,  
every path of falsehood and evil.

**Together we seek to shine as Christ shines,  
filled with compassion and love!**

Come! Let us praise the name of the Holy One!

Let us raise our voices to the Lord!

**We will rejoice in God's faithfulness! Let us sing together!**

\*Hymn "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" #439  
(Choir sings v.1 first, Congregation repeats v. 1, then sings v. 2,3)

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession: **Unison Reading**  
**Forgive us, Lord, when we say we follow Christ, but we keep  
choosing what is easiest. You have called us to speak truth, but  
we settle for the little lies that save us from difficult  
conversations. You have taught us to love our neighbors, but  
we keep making excuses for walking away when they need us  
to be present and generous.**

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**Announcements**

**Ruth Circle** meets Tuesday at 10 am.

**Deacons** meet Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

**N. IL Food Bank** volunteer day is this Wednesday from 9-11 am.

**Workcamp shares** Forms for shares are on the bulletin board

**Summer Worship** time starts on May 31 to 9:30 am.



**Spring Cleaning?** Our Workcamp crew is looking for donations of clean, gently used items for our annual rummage sale. Items may be dropped off May 31 - June 3.

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DUE TO SAFE DISPOSAL CONCERNS AND DISPOSAL FEES:**

**Computers or any computer equipment, electronics, televisions, pianos or organs.**

Sale will be held June 4 - 5 from 8:30 am - 5 pm each day.

**Our annual church picnic** will be June 7, following the worship service. Enjoy some lemonade, outside games (weather permitting) and social time with our church family. We'll enjoy a potluck in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to pass (sign up sheet is on the bulletin board) and your own lawn chairs. Please plan to attend!

**Per Capita** for 2026 is \$45 per person.

**Sign-up sheets** for flowers is on the bulletin board, one week's notice is needed for flower orders, see Stefanie Kluck.

**Stewardship Update:** April income = \$13,975.11

April expenses = \$22,383.12    Difference = \$-8,408.01

\*Hymn “You Are My Strength When I am Weak” (2x) #519

Presentation of Gifts and Offerings

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication **Unison prayer**

**Holy God, in thanksgiving and praise we dedicate these gifts and our whole lives to your service. May we bring you honor through all our deeds in the world. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer ending with **The Lord's Prayer**

\*Hymn “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” #837

Benediction

Postlude

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*Every member a minister...*

Accompanist/Choir Director Sharon Smith  
Liturgist/ Reader Janet Erb, Matthew Bomgarden  
Projectionist Joe Erb  
Ushers Frank Finch, Craig Spickler

***First Presbyterian Church of Winnebago:  
Where community, faith, family, and friends come together.***

**You have called us to carry our cross, but instead we give in to the ways of the world, afraid of what would happen if we say “no” to those who let power and money rule over all things. Have mercy on us, Lord. Give us the courage to live how Christ taught us to live.**

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

For Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God. Friends, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri #581

Passing of the Peace

Anthem: “In the Light of the Lord”

Time with the Children

Scripture: John 14:15-21; 1 Peter 3:13-22 pg. 1099; 1234  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “A Mindset of Integrity”  
Pastor Lisa Lopez-Meyer

Affirmation of Faith: (The Confession of 1967, 9.23, plural)  
**The new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.**