

Community Presbyterian Church
Lac Du Flambeau, WI

DATE: June 28, 2026
PASTOR: The Rev. Chips C. Paulson
PIANIST: Rebecca Wright

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: Does Jesus Care

INTROIT:

Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come, let us climb the mountain of God, for this is the place of our offering and our praise.

People: Here we bring our whole lives, holding nothing back from the One who first gave us everything.

Leader: On the mountain of the Lord, it will be provided. The Lord sees, and the Lord abundantly supplies.

People: We place our trust not in our own strength, but in God's steadfast love and gracious provision.

Leader: Jesus reminds us that whenever we welcome the vulnerable, the prophet, or the least of these, we welcome Him—and the Father who sent Him.

People: Let us worship the Lord with open hands and welcoming hearts.

Leader: Whether we are called to sacrifice or to serve, let us gather in adoration!

All: Blessed is the name of the Lord. Let us worship God!

***HYMN 343 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life."**

FIRST READING Matthew 10:40-42

Merciful God, You have taught us that when we welcome the stranger and the vulnerable, we welcome You.

Yet, we confess our collective and individual failure to love as You love. We acknowledge our complicity in national systems of oppression that prioritize power over

compassion.

We admit that we have turned our backs on immigrants, refugees, and those seeking safety from other parts of the world.

Forgive us for harboring fear, prejudice, and apathy toward our global neighbors. Forgive us for withholding hospitality and passing by "the least of these" at our borders and in our communities. We have failed to see Your image in the displaced and have neglected to offer even a cup of cold water to Your little ones.

Heal our hardened hearts and break down the walls of our indifference. Grant us the courage to dismantle injustice, welcome the outsider, and serve without seeking reward.

For Your sake, teach us how to offer genuine sanctuary, love, and comfort to everyone around us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: God's grace is wider than any border we construct, and God's mercy is deeper than our collective failures. Scripture promises that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Jesus Christ, you are completely forgiven. Receive this mercy, be renewed in spirit, and go forth to love and welcome the world as Christ has welcomed you.

Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness. Make Your way plain before my face. For it is You, Lord, You Lord only, that makes me to dwell in safety.

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Response: "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

CALL TO PRAYER

Prayers of Thanksgiving and

Intercession

Leader: God of Grace, People, receive our prayers

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical Version)

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.

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory "Learning to Lean."

*Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness, we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

****HYMN 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"***

READING AND SERMON: Matthew 22:1-14

****HYMN 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised."***

*** BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

*Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way.
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame.
That in this house have called upon thy name. Amen.*

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Liturgist: Bill Nienaber

Pianist: Rebecca Wright

Coffee Hour: Delma Erikson

*** RESPONSE**

*** POSTLUDE: (PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE)**