

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Easter Worship Service
April 17, 2022**

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ken: Good Morning, welcome to worship here at First Presbyterian Church of Chippewa Falls. I am so glad that we can worship together, both in person and on ZOOM as well.

GATHERING SONG: "Take, O Take Me As I Am" GTG698

TIME OF CENTERING:

Pastor Ken: will say something here...

So, let's try to set aside the week that has been even for a few moments to seek to be in the presence of God and let God touch us, so our spirits may be renewed. So, I invite you to sit back, relax and get comfortable. Take a couple of deep breaths, close your eyes, and think about God being present with you, where you are, right now. Slowly breathe in God's peace, and slowly exhale your anxieties and fears. Breathe in God's Peace, and exhale your anxieties and fears. Please take a moment to savor that and to invite God's Spirit to be present with you, and with each of us as we seek to worship God together. (PAUSE)

Centering Prayer:

Let your Spirit come,

Fall upon us now.

Let your Spirit come,

Fall upon us now.

Let your rain fall down,

Fall upon our souls,

Come and wash us now,

Come and make us whole.

Let your Spirit come,

Fall upon us now.

Let your Spirit come,

Fall upon us now. AMEN

One: Please join in singing our Easter Hymn.

HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

No. 113

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The God who raised Jesus is our strength and our salvation.

All: Christ is risen—Christ has risen indeed!

One: The rejected One has become faith's cornerstone.

All: Christ is risen—Christ has risen indeed!

One: Let us sing together our Hymn of Praise.

HYMN: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! No. 104

INVITATION TO CONFESSION, PRAYER OF CONFESSION, ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

All: Merciful God, at Easter we come face to face with the miraculous, the most astounding event of all time, one for which we have no intellectual explanation. And we confess reluctance to push back the boundaries of what is known to make room for the unexplainable. We confess that in human pride we think to know what is "possible" and therefore what is "plausible". The resurrection throws our thinking into disarray and we acknowledge the struggle of the intellect to grasp by reason your unreasonable act of love in Christ's dying and being raised to new life. In the resurrection, you have given us the assurance of life everlasting but our thinking and loving are limited and limiting, even while you have stopped at nothing to reveal the extent and magnitude of your love for us. Forgive us we pray. AMEN.

One: Hear the good news! If a person is in Christ, they become a new creation altogether. The old life is gone. A new life has begun. Friends, hear and believe the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven..

SONG RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" No. 579

PASSING THE PEACE:

One: Peace be with you

All: And also with you

(There will be no individual expressions of Passing the Peace .)

BUILDING THE MORNING PRAYER

"In the mist of early morning, you are there;

In the fading light of evening, you are there;

You are there when we are joyful, you're there when we must grieve,

Yes in each and every moment, you are there."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father, who art in Heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

HYMN OF PREPARATION:**“The Day of Resurrection”****No 118****OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 65:17-25**

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord — and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent — its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

SERMON:**Rev. Ken Ribe****HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION:****“Let Us Break Bread Together”****No. 513 (Verse 1)****INVITATION TO COMMUNION:****DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:****CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION CHORUS: “Prayer of Good Courage”

COMMISSION:

POSTLUDE: