

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
April 11, 2021 – 10: 15 AM**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Behold, how good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!

**All: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down over the collar of Aaron's robes.**

One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**All: For there the Lord ordained God's blessing, life forevermore.**

One: Let us worship God!

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

One: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor. (Psalm 34:18).

**PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

One: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard and seen with our eyes concerning the word of life, we proclaim to you.

**All: God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.**

One: The life was made manifest, and we testify to it.

**All: God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.**

One: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth.

**All: God of light, in whom is no darkness, we praise you.**

One: If we confess our sins, Jesus Christ is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**All: Jesus Christ is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.**

**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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PSALM 133**

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

**GOSPEL:**

**JOHN 20: 19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**SERMON:                    "Raised to Raise Others"**

**Rev. Gary Hedding**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**