

**First Presbyterian Church, Chippewa Falls
Easter Worship Service: - April 12, 2020**

Sherry will play a Prelude before the "Welcome"

Pastor Ken will welcome and give a brief outline of the service. Basically: I will do the welcome and announcements. Lynda has one announcement she will make before the Song of Preparation for Worship: "Take O Take Me as I Am"

Lynda will be at the pulpit ready to lead the Call to Worship, through the Litany of Assurance.

Pastor Ken will do the Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer. Lynda, be at the pulpit when we say the Lord's Prayer so that there isn't a time lapse while we wait for you to get there.

Lynda will read the New Testament Lesson from Acts.

Pastor Ken will Read the Gospel and do the sermon, through the end of worship.

PRELUDE: **Sherry Friedel**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Pastor Ken**

SONG OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Take, O Take me as I am, Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart, and live in me. (Repeat 1 X)

CALL TO WORSHIP: **Lynda Butek**

One: Christ is Risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!!

One: This is the day which God has made.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today # 123
Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

LITANY OF ASSURANCE:

One: With the stone rolled away came emptiness

**Many: Of a tomb that held captive the Crucified,
Of the space that was once filled with death,
Of a cross that now pointed to greater truth
Of God's love in spite of ourselves.**

One: With the stone rolled away came questions

**Many: From those whose world lay shattered,
From those who would demand living proof,
From those who were seeking a sign of promise
Breeding confidence, assurance, and trust.**

One: With the stone rolled away came light

**Many: To illumine the darkness of suspicion and fear,
To dispel the shadows of distrust, anxiety, insecurity,
To radiate with the beams of new hope and understanding
The life about to be lived.**

One: With the stone rolled away comes a future

**Many: With a truth that outshines the wisdom of ages,
With space to be filled with the Kingdom of God,
With the company of those who through history confess**

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Raise a Hallelujah” Sherry and Mario Friedel

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 28:1-10

The Message

Risen from the Dead

28 1-4 After the Sabbath, as the first light of the new week dawned, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to keep vigil at the tomb. Suddenly the earth reeled and rocked under their feet as God's angel came down from heaven, came right up to where they

were standing. He rolled back the stone and then sat on it. Shafts of lightning blazed from him. His garments shimmered snow-white. The guards at the tomb were scared to death. They were so frightened, they couldn't move. 5-6 The angel spoke to the women: "There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised, just as he said. Come and look at the place where he was placed. 7 "Now, get on your way quickly and tell his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead. He is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' That's the message." 8-10 The women, deep in wonder and full of joy, lost no time in leaving the tomb. They ran to tell the disciples. Then Jesus met them, stopping them in their tracks. "Good morning!" he said. They fell to their knees, embraced his feet, and worshiped him. Jesus said, "You're holding on to me for dear life! Don't be frightened like that. Go tell my brothers that they are to go to Galilee, and that I'll meet them there."

SERMON: "Do Not Be Afraid"

Rev. Ken Ribe

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Was It a Morning Like This?" Sandi Patti (YouTube)

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

COMMISSION:

GO IN PEACE, AND SERVE THE LORD. AMEN