

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
April 18, 2021 – 10: 15 AM**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: O God, be gracious to me and heard my prayer.

All: Know that God has set us apart and hears us when we call.

One: O God, life up the light of your countenance upon us.

All: O God, be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

One: Let us worship god!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

One: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. Let us ask God to forgive us. (Heb. 4:14, 16)

PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: See what love God has given us that we should be called God's children.

All: What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.

One: It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when God appears we shall be in God's likeness.

All: What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.

One: Every one who thus hopes in God is made pure, as God is pure.

All: What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.

One: Whoever does right is righteous, as God is righteous.

All: What God foretold by the mouths of the prophets, God fulfilled.

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 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah* But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah* Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!” You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

GOSPEL:

LUKE 24: 36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON:

This Is Really Good News!

Rev. Rich Estrem-Fuller

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: