

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
August 2, 2020 9:30 AM**

***Regulars and visitors alike, thank you for being here and bringing your worship to share with us. To enhance everyone's worship experience, please silence your cell phones. Thanks for helping.

PRELUDE

Sherry Friedel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

(We share a communal time of silence as we center our hearts and minds for worship. Worship Leader will end the silence with an Amen.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to our cries; give ear to prayers from lips free of deceit.

All: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.

One: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

All: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

One: Let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

You do hear the prayers of your people, O God, and give heed to their supplications. Your faithfulness spans generations and nations, as a cloak of protection sewn with benevolent care. You promise your presence as your Spirit abides in our midst. We bow down before you, as our ancestors have done before us, in praise and adoration of your gracious name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you teach us compassion, and we practice bigotry. You implore us to trust you, while we create idols. You send Christ as a witness that you will not forsake us; yet we fret over matters as though you cared not at all. Forgive our compulsion to control our own destiny. Look kindly upon us when we fear for our future. Have mercy upon us when we mismanage your grace. We are your people; help us to dwell in your promise.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Therein lies our assurance of pardon.

Special Music:

"Thy Word"

Sherry Friedel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Psalm 17: 1-7, 15

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

"How to Feed a Mob"

Pastor Sandee Kosmo

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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