

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
August 16, 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: How very good it is when families live together in unity!

All: It is like precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard of Aaron.

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

All: For there the Lord ordained the blessing upon us, life forevermore.

One: Let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

All: Our Source of Deliverance, Christ, calls us to faith, while we seek our own security. He teaches us to trust Him, yet we don't take that risk. He expects total commitment, and we think in terms of percentage. Time after time we turn our backs on Your grace, serving our idols and forsaking our Christ. We rely on Your promise in Him to redeem us. We are dependent on Him who can intercede for us. O God, in Christ have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: As God gave manna to the Israelites during their time in the wilderness, we now receive Christ as the bread of life. As God went before the Israelites as a pillar of fire, we now receive the Holy Spirit as a source of comfort and presence. God is consistently in love with those called God's people. As Christ numbers us among those chosen, we have assurance of God's grace and forgiveness.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer will be the video "Our Father"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Romans 11: 28-33

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON: "Prayers Answered" Gene Peissig

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: