

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
February 21, 2021 – 10:15AM**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Gathering Song: “Take, O Take Me As I Am”**

**GTG698**

Take, O take me as I am;  
Summon out what I shall be:  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Lead the humble and teach them your way.

**All: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**

One: For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

**All: Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep your decrees.**

One: Let us worship God!

**HYMN**

**“What Wondrous Love Is This”**

**Hymn #85**

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

One: If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of everyone. Let us confess our sins before God and one another. (I John 2:1,2).

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

**All: Have mercy upon us and hear our prayer, O God. We have failed to live in the light of your covenant. You set your rainbow above us, yet clouds of unbelief darken our days. Distrust wells within us; fear, not hope, is our watchword. Your beloved bids us follow, but we are slow to obey. Without your grace, we are fruitless and inert. In mercy renew us and bring us to life, through Jesus Christ.**

One: Remember that Christ died for sins once and for all, that he might bring us to God cleansed of unrighteousness. “Baptism... now saves you – not as removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” Remember your baptism and live in new life, assured of forgiveness through Christ, who intercedes on our behalf.

**SPECIAL MUSIC “At the Riverside/Wade In The Water”**

**Sherry Friedel**

## **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

**HYMN:**                   **“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”**                   **Hymn #80**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:**

#### **Psalm 25: 1-10**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

### **GOSPEL:**

#### **Mark 1: 9-15**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

**SERMON:**   **“Here Is the Rock We Stand On”**                   **Rev. Rich Estrem-Fuller**

**HYMN:**       **“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”**       **Hymn #81, verses 1, 4**

### **CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

### **POSTLUDE:**