

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
February 28, 2021 – 10:15AM**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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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: Psalm 22

One: I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters, and lead them in praise.

All: You did not despise the afflicted nor turn a deaf ear when they cried to you.

One: All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O God; all families shall worship the Lord.

All: We will tell of your deeds to those who follow, and proclaim your deliverance to all.

One: Let us worship God!

HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Hymn# 84

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

One: For God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Let us confess our sins against God and one another. (John 3: 16 & 17).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: God of compassion and mercy, look with favor upon us as we confess our sins. Our faith is weak in the face of crisis. Our hope collapses when we are threatened or maligned. We seek our own safety and abandon those you love. We trust in objects we can create and control. We speak much and risk little. But you, O God, have given your promise that you will never forsake us. Forgive our failure to take you at your word.

One: God’s promises rest on grace and are guaranteed to all who believe in Christ. “I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations.” “It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who you handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.” Trust the promises of grace, and accept the righteousness of God bestowed in Christ.

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:

“God of Our Life”

Hymn# 275, verse 1

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 22: 23-31

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

GOSPEL:

Mark 8: 31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

SERMON:

“Focus on Fear or Faith?”

Rev. Sandee Kosmo

HYMN

“Lord, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Hymn# 263, verses 1, 4

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: