

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
February 5, 2023**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Ken: We will have a congregational meeting immediately following worship today to elect the 2023 Nominating Committee and receive the 2022 Annual Report.

Session will meet in the library following worship today,

TIME OF CENTERING:

Centering Prayer:

Let your Spirit come,
Fall upon us now.

Let your Spirit come,
Fall upon us now.

Let your rain fall down,
Fall upon our souls,
Come and wash us now,
Come and make us whole.

Let your Spirit come,
Fall upon us now.
Let your Spirit come,
Fall upon us now. AMEN

GATHERING SONG: “Take, O Take Me As I Am” GTG698

CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 112)

One: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who respect God who greatly delight in God’s commandments.

All: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

One: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

All: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

Hymn

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 466

INVITATION TO CONFESSION, PRAYER OF CONFESSION, ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: If we claim that 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 will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

All: Holy God, you are our judge and redeemer. We confess that we have tried to hide from you, because we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and we have turned from neighbors in need. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world. We have passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed. Gracious God, in your great mercy forgive our sin, and free us from selfishness, so that we may choose your will and obey your commandments. AMEN.

One: Hear the good news! This saying is true and should be universally accepted. Christ Jesus came into the world to rescue sinners. He personally bore our sin in his body on the cross so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.... Friends, hear and believe the Good News.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***SONG RESPONSE**

“Gloria Patri”

No. 579

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One: Having received forgiveness and grace, let us share the peace of Christ with one another” May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

BUILDING THE MORNING PRAYER:

*In the midst of early morning, you are there;
In the fading light of evening, you are there;
You are there when we are joyful,
You are there when we must grieve,
Yes, in each and every moment, you are there*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 OF PREPARATION: “Open My Eyes That I May See” No. 324**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 58: 1-9a False and True Worship

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5: 13-15 Salt and Light

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

SERMON: “Living into Our Identity” Rev. Ken Ribe

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION:

“Here I am, Lord”

No 525 vs. 1 and 3

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O God. You brought light out of darkness and set the sun to brighten the day and the moon and stars to illumine the night.

Your glory blinds the eyes of our sin, while Your radiance warms our needy hearts. You lead us by the light of Your truth into the way of righteousness and peace. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of Your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

BENEDICTION CHORUS: **“Prayer of Good Courage”**

POSTLUDE: