

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
January 24, 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: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from the Lord.

All: God only is my rock and my salvation; I shall not be shaken.

One: Trust in the Lord at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God.

All: Our trust is in the Lord. We worship God’s name.

One: Let us worship God!

HYMN: **“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”** **Hymn# 288, verses 1 and 2**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

One: Jesus said, ‘Come to me all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor. (Matt. 11:28-30)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: O God of compassion and mercy, hear us as we make our confession. Christ preaches repentance; we do not heed his call. Your new day is proclaimed; we dwell on the past. We turn not from our evil ways, nor do we sacrifice those treasures that give us status. We say we obey you, but our deeds betray us. By your grace renew us, and cleanse us of sin.

One: Hear the good news: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.” God is merciful and just, and Jesus Christ promises redemption to all that believe. As we turn from our old ways and respond with faith to Christ’s call, we receive the assurance that we shall be saved.

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: **“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”** **Hymn # 377, verses 1, 4**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 62: 5-12

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah* Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them. Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

GOSPEL:

Mark 1: 14-20

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.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON: **“Will You Follow?”** **Rev. Rich Estrem-Fuller**

HYMN **“God of Grace and God of Glory”** **Hymn# 420, verses 1 and 2**

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: