

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
January 31, 2021 – 10:15**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

GTG #698

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 111

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Praise the Lord!

All: Your work is full of honor and majesty, and your righteousness endures forever.

One: The works of your hands are faithful and just; all your precepts are trustworthy.

All: The awe of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have good understanding.

One: Let us worship God!

HYMN: “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Hymn #220, verses 1 and 2

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

One: If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sin, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sin, and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin before God and our neighbors. (I John 1; 8 & 9)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we know not your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we worship false gods. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve.

One: Paul reminds us. “There is one God ... from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist ... If one loves God, one is known by God.” As we confess our sin before God, God is faithful and just, and in Jesus Christ, through whom we exist, God forgives us our sin.

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: "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Hymn #210, verses 1-4

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord your God shall raise up for you a prophet like me from your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God anymore, or ever again see this great fire, I will die. Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

GOSPEL:

Mark 1: 21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON: "Rotten or Redeemed Apples?"

Rev. Sandee Kosmo

HYMN: "Praise Ye The Lord"

Hymn #258, verses 1 and 2

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: