

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
June 26 2022 – 10: 15 AM**

**PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**TIME OF CENTERING:**

(We share a communal time of silence as we center our hearts and minds for worship. Worship Leader will end the silence with an Amen.)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Psalm 77

One: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

**All: I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.**

One: Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

**All: You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

One: Let us worship God!

**HYMN:**

**“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

**No. 288**

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

One: Our God is a God of justice, waiting to be gracious to you, yearning to have mercy on you. Blessed are all who wait for the Lord. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God. (Isa. 30:18)

**All: God of freedom, set at liberty we who are captive, and grant us absolution as we confess our sin. Prisoners of self-interest, we disregard neighbors. We bolster our own egos at others’ expense. When slander is rampant, we seldom stop it. When rumors are rife, we seek not the source. Help us to check our destructive ways, lest we consume one another, and cause us to use our freedom in more loving ways.**

One: “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things.” We who “belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” Therefore, let us live in love and bear one another’s burdens, in the assurance that we are forgiven and made alive in the Spirit.

**SONG RESPONSE**

**“Gloria Patri”**

**No. 579**

**PASSING THE PEACE:**

One: Peace be with you

All: **And also with you**

( There will be no individual expressions of Passing the Peace .)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 OF PREPARATION: "This Is My Father's World"**

**No 293**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21**

Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

**GOSPEL: Luke 9: 51-62**

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**SERMON:** Ed Williams

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Spirit of the Living God” No. 322

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**