

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
March 6, 2022 – 10:15 AM**

PRELUDE:

WELCOME:

Pastor Ken

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TIME OF CENTERING:

Pastor Ken

How are you doing today? How has your last week been? I hope we can set it aside for a few moments so we can invite God to make God's presence known to us. I would like to invite you to sit back, relax and get comfortable. Take a couple of deep breaths, close your eyes, and think about God being present with you, where you are, right now. Slowly breathe in God's peace, and slowly exhale your anxieties and fears. Breathe in God's Peace, and exhale your anxieties and fears. Take a moment to savor that and to invite God's Spirit to be present with you, and with each of us as we seek to worship God together. (PAUSE)

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*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Psalm 91

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

All: We will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

One: Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you.

All: God will protect those who call on the name on the Lord and show them salvation.

One: Let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION, PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND 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 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)

All: (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure. Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

One: This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to rescue sinners. He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross.

Friends, Hear and believe in the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Building the Morning Prayer

“You Are There”

by Rob Thomas

In the mist 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:

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

SERMON:

“Lessons from the Wilderness”

Rev. Ken Ribe

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: