

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
March 7, 2021 – 10: 15 AM**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GATHERING SONG: “Take, Oh 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.

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:

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

All: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

One: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

One: Let us worship God.

HYMN: “O Lamb of God Most Holy”

Hymn 82 verses 1, 3

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

One: This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. I will forgive their evil deeds, and I will remember their sin no more. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God. (Jer. 31:33, 34).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: Gracious God, you set us within the temple of your grace and mercy, hear us now as we confess our sin. We still carry our business into your presence. As we enter our motives are not just to worship your name. We want our needs met rather than Christ’s will that call us. We seek our own satisfaction before we can turn to your ways. As Christ got angry and overturned the tables, keep us from receiving what may be our due. Rather hear our confession and forgive us our sin.

One: Our assurance is this: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.... For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do.” God sent the Savior, who redeems us of all worthiness.

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: **“Come, Thou Almighty King”**

Hymn 139 verses 1, 4

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament[Ⓜ] proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

GOSPEL:

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

SERMON:

Rev. Ken Ribe

HYMN: “Let us Break Bread Together”

Hymn 513

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BLESSING

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: