First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
March 21, 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: Psalm 51

One: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
All: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
One: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
One: Let us worship God!

HYMN: "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" Hymn #357, vs. 1 and 4

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

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)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life
One: Although he was as we are, Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered; and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him." Today, we come before God confessing our sins. Jesus the high priest is our source of forgiveness. Trust in the word of Christ and be forgiven.

SPECIAL MUSIC Sherry Friedel and members of the choir

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: "Just As I Am" Hymn #370, vs. 1 and 4

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:
Jeremiah 31:31-34
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

GOSPEL:
John 12: 20-33
Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

SERMON: "Outside In ----- Inside Out" Rev. James Mohr

HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" Hymn #467, vs 1-2

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: