

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
May 22, 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 67

One: God be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us.

**All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

One: The earth has yielded its increase; may God continue to bless us.

**All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

One: Let us worship God!

**HYMN:       “Morning Has Broken”                   No. 469**

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

One: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need. Let us ask God to forgive us. (Heb. 4:14, 16)

**All: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.**

**O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**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: "There Is A Balm in Gilead" No. 394****FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

**GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

**SERMON: "Spirit Chasers" Rev. Sandee Kosmo****CLOSING HYMN: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" No. 370 vs. 1-3****CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:****POSTLUDE:**