

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
November 21, 2021 – 10:15 AM
Christ the King Sunday**

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The Lord has said, “Zion is my resting place forever; for I have desired it.

All: “I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread.

One: “Its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy.

All: “There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David, a lamp for my anointed one.”

One: Let us worship God!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

For God so loved the world that God gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but may have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Let us confess our sins against God and one another. (John 3: 16 & 17).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: O God of mercy, woe be upon us, for we do not obey you. We confess one baptism, yet we foster divisions in Christ’s body. We observe the Lord’s Supper but work not for Christ’s peace. We confess our reluctance to extend your favor to those we don’t like. Forgive and restore us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. You are a God of dominion; we live by your grace alone.

One: We are told in Scripture that the days are coming when God will raise up a righteous Branch, who shall reign and deal wisely, who will execute justice and righteousness in the land. We believe that Christ has come and performed all that was foretold by the prophet. I can assure you that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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:

Genesis 1: 26-27

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING:

Revelation 5: 9-10

They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

SERMON:

"The Story Within the Story"

Rev. Richard Blood

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: