

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
October 2, 2022 – 10:15 AM**

PRELUDE:

WELCOME:

Pastor Ken: Good Morning, welcome to worship here at First Presbyterian Church of Chippewa Falls. I am so glad that we can worship together, both in person and on ZOOM as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Session will meet in the library following worship today,

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

GATHERING SONG: "Take, O Take Me As I Am" GTG698

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Lamentations 3

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, with mercies that are new every morning.

All: Great is your faithfulness, O God, and the source of all hope.

One: You are good to those who wait upon you, O God, and whose souls seek the Lord.

All: It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

One: Let us worship God!

HYMN:

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 260

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

One: If anyone sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf—Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of everyone. Let us confess our sins before God and one another. (I John 2:1,2).

All: O God, who by your Spirit can rekindle the embers of faith, purge us of all sin and make of us obedient servants. We are guilty of pushing you to life’s periphery. We serve you only when it seems convenient. We follow the Christ when it is to our benefit. We call on the Spirit when our own efforts fail. Remake us in your image of righteousness, and teach us the meaning of discipleship.

One: “Do not be ashamed, then of the testimony about our Lord ... who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace... given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” Friends, hear and believe the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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 .)

BUILDING THE MORNING PRAYER

“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’re there when we must grieve,

Yes in each and every moment, you are there.”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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:

“Break Thou The Bread of Life”

No. 329

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

SERMON: “ How Much Faith is Enough? “

Rev. Ken Ribe

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION:

“Here I am, Lord” No 525 vs. 1 and 3

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS:

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

BENEDICTION CHORUS: “Prayer of Good Courage”

POSTLUDE: