

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
October 9, 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 66

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Sing glory to God and praise the Lord!

All: Come and see what God has done: how awesome the deeds among mortals.

One: Bless the Lord, O peoples; let the sound of God’s praise be heard.

All: Truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

One: Let us worship God!

HYMN:

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

No. 423

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

One: 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).

All: In the name of Christ Jesus, descended from David and risen in glory, we make our confession. Disputes arise within congregations; brothers and sisters quarrel. Hostility fractures the body; conflict leads to suspicion and pain. Forgive us, O God, when we continue to bear grudges; reconcile us to our neighbor as you redeem us of sin.

One: “The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him ... do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him ... rightly explaining the word of truth.” The truth is this: In 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 .)

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: "Open My Eyes That I May See" No. 324

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 5:1-5, 7-15

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

So *Naaman* went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand *shekels* of gold, and sets of clothing.

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

SERMON: "Recognizing God in the Fray"

Rev. Sandee Kosmo

CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Loves Me"

No. 304

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: