

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
October 23, 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 65

One: Praise is due to you, O God, for you answer our prayer.

**All: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your holy temple.**

One: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance.

**All: You are the hope of all the end of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

One: Let us worship God!

**HYMN:**

**“O Christ, the Great Foundation”**

**No. 443 vs 1-3**

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

One: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor. (Rom. 5:8 & Heb. 4:16)

**All: To fear you is the beginning of wisdom, O God, and to confess our sins can lead to repentance. We acknowledge the wrongs we commit against neighbors; the remarks that aim at tearing them down, the actions that exclude, the subtle and not so subtle distinctions that “put them in their place.” Forgive us for our love of comfort in a world that is hungry and thirsty. Help us to amend our ways, through the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ.**

One: Hear the good news: Christ delivers those who are truly sorry and repent of their sins. Christ intercedes on their behalf before the judgement seat of Almighty God. Christ cleanses them and makes them to dwell in God’s heavenly dominion. 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 .)

## **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:      “We Give Thee but Thine Own”      No. 428**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Joel 2:23-32**

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

### **GOSPEL:      Luke 18:9-14**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

**SERMON:                      “If H&R Block Was Around in Jesus’s Day”                      Rev. Gary Hedding**

**CLOSING HYMN:                      “Now Thank We All Our God”                      No. 555**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**