

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
October 24, 2021 - 10:15 AM**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

All: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

One: When I sought you, O God, you answered me. You delivered me from all my fears.

All: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in the Lord, our God.

One: Let us worship god!

INVITATION TO CONFESSION:

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor. (Ps. 34:18).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

All: O God, who appointed Christ our high priest, may he intercede for us as we confess our sin. We are lame when we do not walk by faith. We are blind when we do not seek your truth. We crave self-fulfillment, rather than your righteousness. We are in bondage to ourselves. Through Christ, release us from our captivity, and in him forgive us.

One: Remember that Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest but was appointed by God, who said to him, "You are a priest forever." As we confess our sins, we have assurance that Christ intercedes on our behalf. God hears our prayer. Through 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:

Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

GOSPEL:

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

SERMON:

“Grit, Grace, Faith”

Rev. Terri Koca

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: