

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
September 6, 2020 10:15 AM**

\*\*\*Regulars and visitors alike, thank you for being here and bringing your worship to share with us. To enhance everyone's worship experience, please silence your cell phones. Thanks for helping.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 149**

One: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song; give praise in the assembly of the faithful.

**All: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the humble with victory.**

One: Let us praise God's name with dancing, making melody with tambourine and lyre.

**All: Let the faithful exult in glory; we will sing for joy and let the high praises of God be in our throats.**

One: Let us worship God!

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord. Day by day you guide us; every breath we take is a gift of your mercy. You strengthen our knees to serve you. You lift our hands to give you all praise. We come before you in the company of sisters and brothers to give you the worship due your wonderful name. May our words be worthy of the trust you place in us and our meditations mindful of your benevolent care.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**With the dawn comes awareness that we are to serve you in all that we do. Yet we turn our backs on you when called on to act. Our eyes deceive us when we lust after others. While we may not murder, we do not hesitate to harm. It is so easy to covet when others have what we want. We fail to love neighbors as Christ taught us to do. We hear how a new day awaits us, to put on the armor of light. We confess our unworthiness to wear your mantle of love.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Paul reminds us how "it is now the moment ... to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near." We may then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:**

**Psalms 149**

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to execute on them the judgment decreed.

This is glory for all his faithful ones.

Praise the Lord!

**GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 18: 15-20**

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

**SERMON**     **“The Wonderful Opportunity of a Church Family Working Together”**  
**Pastor Rich Estrem-Fuller**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**