

**First Presbyterian Church
Chippewa Falls, WI
Worship Service
September 12, 2021- 10: 15 AM**

PRELUDE

Welcome

Pastor Ken

Announcements

Time of Centering

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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*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

All: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

One: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

All: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

One: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

All: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

One: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: God of justice and righteousness, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We say we love our neighbors but we still make distinctions. We favor the rich and discount the poor. We say we have faith, but our works do not show it; we preach Jesus Christ while we send the hungry away. While our lips praise you, our hands cast off strangers. We are not worthy to ask your forgiveness except for the name of Christ, who pardoned the thief on the cross and forgave those who put him to death.

One: Remember the words of Scripture, where it says, "Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus ... and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Friends hear and believe the Good News,

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 19:1-14

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

SERMON

“The Upside Down Kingdom”

Rev. Ken Ribe

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTON

POSTLUDE

