

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
September 18, 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 79

One: Let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

**All: Help us, O God of our salvation, deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name’s sake.**

One: Let us worship God!

**HYMN:**

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**

**No. 442 vs 1-2**

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

One: 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).

**All: Merciful God, you lead us by the cords of compassion. We seek your forgiveness through Christ’s intercession. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, so that we may faithfully obey your will. When we are vengeful, purge our thoughts of resentment and anger. When we bear false witness, turn us from deceit to truthfulness. Cleanse us of selfish desires, and free us to respond to your holy Word. In righteousness remake us, and through Christ restore us.**

One: God our savior desires that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. There is one God, and one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all. With assurance and conviction I say to you: God in Christ forgives us our sin.

**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:      “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”      No. 446**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 8:18-9:1**

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

### **GOSPEL:      Luke 16:1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**SERMON:                      “Two Road Diverged”                                      Rev. Sandee Kosmo**

**CLOSING HYMN:              “You Shall Go Out With Joy”      No. GTG80**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**