



Sunday, April 23, 2023

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**101 - 6th Ave. NW**  
**Kasson, MN**

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN  
Brian Rohrs, Pianist  
Rev. Tim Gerarden

April 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**We Approach God**

Announcements

Prelude

**\*Call to Worship**

L: We have been walking, Lord,

**P: on roads of uncertainty and fear, on roads of exhaustion and doubt,  
on winding roads that have led us here.**

L: Join us on our journey, Lord.

**P: By your presence, refresh our spirits, set our hearts ablaze, and give us new direction!**

**\*Hymn No. 403** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Jesus, Teacher, we confess today our outright foolishness. We have been foolish to doubt your promises. Foolish to withhold love from neighbor. Foolish to chase riches, prestige and power. Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation. Foolish to divide your children from each other. Foolish to think hope is lost. Wise us up again. Open our hearts to your presence in our lives, in our neighbors, in our world. In your grace, help us grab onto our millionth second chance, and forge a new road from here on.  
Amen.

**\*Assurance of Grace**

Hear the good news! New life is not only possible; it has drawn near to us in Jesus. The promise is for us, and for all the children of God. By the grace of God, the glory of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and we are free! Alleluia! Amen.

**\* Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

**We are Inspired by God**

**Hymn No. 188**

“Jesus Loves Me!”

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Children’s Time**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

L: I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**P: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

L: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**P: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**

L: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

L: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**P: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

L: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

**P: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

L: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

**P: in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

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| Scripture Reading: | Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | Pg. 144-145 NT |
|                    | Luke 24:13-35     | Pg. 109-110 NT |

Sermon: “Did You Know Who That Was?”  
Rev. Tim Gerarden

**\*Hymn No. 634** “To God Be the Glory”

## **We Respond to God**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith from the Apostles Creed (in Unison)**

**I Believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son,  
our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the  
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again  
from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the ho-  
ly catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of  
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Pastoral Prayer 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.**

Call for Offering

Anything \$20 or less is counted for our loose offering and goes to-  
ward supporting local and international church mission.

Offertory

### **\*Doxology No. 606**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)**

**God of surprises, take these gifts and astound us by what they do.  
Through the work of your church, restore a broken world into  
the beloved community you dream of for us. Show us how to take  
these offerings and use them "to love each other deeply from the  
heart." In your grace we trust. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 697**      *"Take My Life"*      verses 1- 4

**\*Benediction**

### **\*Dismissal No. Hymn 542 (God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

*"God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with  
a shepherds care enfold you, God be with you till we meet again."*

**\*Postlude**

Liturgy written by Carol Holbrook Prickett, Presbyterian Outlook, 2023

WELCOME VISITORS. Thank you for coming to worship with us.

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**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU,  
A LOVED ONE, OR A MEMBER IS IN NEED OF PRAYERS.  
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We would like to thank Rev.  
Tim Gerarden for leading  
our service today.**

**April Session Meeting is on  
Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00  
PM**

**Deadline for May Newsletter  
is Thursday, April 27th. If  
you have anything for the  
newsletter, please get it to  
Ann Driver.**

**For the month of April, we  
will be collecting freezer  
meals for the KoMet Pantry.  
Ideas would be pizza rolls,  
hot pockets, waffles, pan-  
cakes, frozen dinners, etc.  
You can bring your dona-  
tions to the church freezer  
and Nicky Wilke will pick  
up. If you need items picked  
up, call Nicky at 507-273-  
2651. The kids look forward  
to the donations from our  
church! Thank you**

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| Treasurer's Report: |               |
| Receipts March 2023 | \$ 6,751.11   |
| Expenses March 2023 | \$ 10,435.34  |
| Balance March 2023  | \$ (3,684.23) |
| Needed weekly       | \$ 2,435.08   |
| Needed monthly      | \$ 10,552.03  |