



Sunday, May 21, 2023

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

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**Brian Rohrs, Pianist**

**May 21, 2023**

**Ascension Sunday**

**10:00 a.m.**

**We Approach God**

Announcements

Prelude

**Call to Worship (Luke 24)**

L: Come gather 'round; Jesus is here.

**P: We wait for the coming Spirit.**

L: Come gather 'round; see the power of Christ before you.

**P: With joy, we praise God.**

**\*Hymn** See Insert: *"This Little Light of Mine"*

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace, we confess how small we imagine you;  
yet you are infinite, your presence mysterious.**

**We confess we pretend to understand Jesus;  
yet he exceeds our grasp.**

**We confess we want Jesus for ourselves;  
yet he has ascended, enlarged beyond our time and place.**

**We confess how small our faith is.**

**Open our hearts, God, to your infinite greatness,  
and your mystery.**

**We repent of our certainty.**

**Give us faith instead.**

**\*Assurance of Grace**

**May God give you a spirit of wisdom and knowing,  
that the power of Jesus Christ may be seen in your life.**

**By the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven  
and empowered to serve.**

**\* 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

Responsive Reading:

L: For all children around the world,

**P: We thank you, O God.**

L: For all the neighborhoods where children live, may they be safe  
and happy.

**P: Help us, O God, to make it so.**

L: For all children, who are hungry, may they have food.

**P: Help us, O God, to make it so.**

L: For children, who are sick and sad, make them well and help them  
laugh.

**P: Help us, O God, to make it so.**

L: Give all children a family to love them and a home to live in.

**P: Help us, O God, to make it so.**

L: Do not forget the children; they are the present and the future.

**P: We thank you, O God, for the gift of children.**

L: God of the children everywhere, attend to our prayers, as we offer  
our litany today, especially for the children.

**P: We turn our faces to you, the son of Righteousness, as the sun-  
flower turns its face to the sun.**

L: Son of Righteousness, we turn to you as the sunflower  
does. Equip us with the prophetic voice and deeds for the children in  
our midst and everywhere.

**P: If one member is honored, all rejoice with it.**

L: We celebrate the joyous vitality of the church, called to be advo-  
cates for children everywhere.

**P: Look upon our church with favor, O God, as we, as part of  
your body, pledge to be in solidarity with one another in building  
hope for the children of the world.**

Scripture Readings: Acts 1:6-14  
Luke 24:44-53

Pg. 143 NT  
Pg. 111 NT

Sermon:

Larry Pedersen

**\*Hymn** See Insert: *“Joy in My Heart”*

### **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 toward supporting local and international church mission.

Offertory

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

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

**Giver of all things, accept these gifts that we return to you, and  
use them to better your kingdom on earth. Enable us to see your  
gifts in each other and ourselves that we may share your gifts  
with the world. In the name of Christ, your greatest gift, we pray,  
Amen**

**\*Hymn** See Insert: *“He’s Got the Whole World”*

#### **\*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**

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**

**Thank you to our youth and  
Larry Pedersen for providing  
today’s service.**

**If you have a favorite Bible  
verse for our bulletin board,  
please put it on the secretary’s  
desk.**

**The deadline for the June  
Newsletter is May 25th.**

**May 22 - 26 is our turn to  
deliver “Meals on Wheels”  
Anyone interested in con-  
tributing there time to help,  
please contact Sharon Law.**

**Next Sunday, May 28 is Pen-  
tecost Sunday and there will  
be Communion.**

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| Treasurer’s Report: |    |           |
| Receipts April 2023 | \$ | 9,477.50  |
| Expenses April 2023 | \$ | 9,137.50  |
| Balance April 2023  | \$ | 340.00    |
| Needed weekly       | \$ | 2,435.08  |
| Needed monthly      | \$ | 10,552.03 |