



Sunday, July 23, 2023

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

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Brian Rohrs, Pianist

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Rev. Carol Shaffer

10:00 a.m.

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

***Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 65:1-4)**

L: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

P: And to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer!

L: To you all flesh shall come.

P: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

L: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

P: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

***Hymn No. 35** *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”*

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you set us in families, where we are called to live together in charity and truth. We confess that sometimes our bonds of love are weak. In times of conflict, our hearts may be hard, our minds may be fixed, and we may refuse to ask for or offer forgiveness. God of the human family, pour out your Spirit upon us, that our relationships may be healed. We offer you the prayers we hold in our hearts

***Assurance of Grace**

L: Hear the Good News: As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our sins from us. Believe the Good News:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed! 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

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Merciful God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, open our hearts and minds as we listen to scripture and hear your Word proclaimed. May we receive your Word with hope and joy this day. Amen.

Responsive Reading - Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

L: O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

L: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

L: Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

P: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

L: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

P: even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

L: If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,”

P: even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

L: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

P: See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34
 Genesis 27:1-23

Pg. 26-27 OT
Pg. 28-29 OT

Sermon: A Mother’s Tale

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***Hymn No. 833** *“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”*

We Respond to God

***Affirmation of Faith (unison) From Glory to Glory:**

Reflections for Worship *by Susan Palo Cherwien*

Out of the womb of wondrous love came the person of Jesus, wondrous love from wondrous love.

All that came to him that was hurt, all that was shame, all that was cruelty, all that was spite, all that came to him he took into himself.

All the energy of scorn, of fright, of worthlessness, of envy, all the energy of hate that came to him he took into himself and did not lash out to return it.

All that came to him that was unlovely he took into himself and transformed it, transformed by the wonder of God's love.

Wondrous love from wondrous love.

So is our beginning. So is our ending. Amen.

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**

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God. Amen.

***Hymn No. 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

***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

We THANK

Rev. Carol Shaeffer

for providing our service today.

Deadline for the August Newsletter is July 25th. If you have anything for the newsletter, please get it to the secretary.

Wednesday, July 23th - Serving 5:00 - 8:PM

"Fred the Bear" - 5:00 PM

"Street Talk" - 6:30 PM

July Special Pizza.

CHICKEN, BACON, RANCH - Mozzarella, Chicken, Bacon, Onion, Tomato, Ranch Dressing

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

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts June 2023	\$	5,045.53
Expenses June 2023	\$	8,881.36
Balance June 2023	\$	(3,835.83)
Needed weekly	\$	2,381.04
Needed monthly	\$	10,317.85