



Sunday, September 3, 2023

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

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**Brian Rohrs, Pianist**

**September 3, 2023**

**Mr. Larry Pedersen**

**10:00 a.m.**

**We Approach God**

Announcements

Prelude

**\*Call to Worship** (Unison)

**Sing to the Lord, all the world! Worship the Lord with joy; come before Him with happy songs! Never forget that the Lord is God. He made us, and we belong to Him; we are His people, we are His flock. Enter the Temple gates with thanksgiving; go into its courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise Him. The Lord is good; His love is eternal and His faithfulness lasts forever.**

**\*Hymn No. 630** "Fairest Lord Jesus"

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Help me remember to keep a deliberate and constant check on my tongue. Keep safe within me the hurts and secrets that others have shared, for they trusted me, and I was glad of the trust. Keep safe within me the confidences of children, lest they be hurt by my crass joking over their tender moments. Keep safe within me those safe disclosures of weakness and fear shared in a moment of intimate vulnerability by my spouse as a further expression of love for me. Help me to listen, as you do Lord. Help me to use my ears more than my mouth. With your help, Lord, may I never again hear myself betraying a confidence of breaching a trust. Instead, transform me, Lord, into a listening, trustworthy friend.**

**\*Assurance of Grace**

**Dear Lord, you desire us to flourish under your good law. I find myself continually struggling to fulfill your command to love my neighbor as myself and I need you to work a change within my heart. Although I desire to love you by obeying your precepts, I am often frustrated and impatient with other people. As you have promised in your work, you will produce the fruits of the spirit in my life as long as I keep in step with the spirit. Fill me anew with your spirit, Father, and sanctify me by your grace. In Jesus' name, I ask. Amen.**

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**\* 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

**Responsive Reading**

**L:** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**P:** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**L:** Who shall bring any charge against god's elect? It is god who justifies.

**P:** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died - more than that, who was raised - who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

**L:** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**P:** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture: Job 23:9-12

2 Thessalonians 3:10-15

Sermon: A Clean Four Letter Word That May Get You Dirty

**\*Hymn No. 69** "Here I am Lord"

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.**

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**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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, this money is not payment for services rendered. These  
aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We  
know You made us with a purpose, and so now we give; on pur-  
pose. Freely offering to You the best of who we are, all that we  
have, and all that we are, all is Yours. In Jesus Christ, we pray,  
Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 664**      *"Morning Has Broken"*

**\*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  
Mr. Larry Pedersen  
for providing our service today.**

**Come Visit the Faith in Action Stand**  
at Marigold Days in the Park on Saturday and Sunday, September 9 & 10.  
They will be serving  
ICE CREAM & ROOTBEER FLOATS (yum!)

Sunday School starts  
Sunday, September 17th at 9:00 AM

Walking Taco Luncheon will be on Sunday, September 17th following service.

Save the Date - September 17th the Methodist Church in Kasson is hosting a  
Gospel Concert featuring Brad Boice (aka Elvis) at 2:00 PM

Please keep the Dutton family and the Sveska family in our thoughts and  
prayers during this time of loss.

**Treasurer's Report:**

<b>Receipts July 2023</b>	<b>\$ 7,701.45</b>
<b>Expenses July 2023</b>	<b>\$ 16,372.39</b>
<b>Balance June 2023</b>	<b>\$ (8,670.94)</b>
<b>Needed weekly</b>	<b>\$ 2,381.04</b>
<b>Needed monthly</b>	<b>\$ 10,317.85</b>