



Sunday, February 25, 2024

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

## First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN

Brian Rohr - Music

February 25, 2024

Rev. Tim Gerarden

10:00 AM

### We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

\*Call to Worship

L: The pathway is just beginning.

**P: We have encountered the wilderness.**

L: Now we are moving rapidly toward Jerusalem.

**P: Along the way we will witness astonishing acts of mercy and justice.**

L: Lord, be with us on the journey.

**P: Guide our lives and our steps, we pray. AMEN.**

\*Hymn No. 418    *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Guiding Lord, even though we hesitated on our Lenten journey; we vowed to come with you through all the trials and fears toward the Cross. Today we face the challenge which true commitment brings. Are we willing to offer our whole selves to you in service? We would like to think that we can do that, but we are aware of how many times we have turned away from service and instead focused on our own desires. Remind us again of the commitment you would have us give if we are to become disciples. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward the Cross. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Grace

**The journey of discipleship is never easy; but you can be assured that you will not be on this journey alone. Place your trust in Jesus. 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 of Illumination

Scripture Reading:    **Psalm 22:23-31**

L: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**P: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

L: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**P: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**P: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.**

L: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**P: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,**

**All : and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

Scripture:                    Gen 17:1-7, 15-16  
                                     Romans 4:13-25  
                                     Mark 8:31-38

Sermon:                      Let's Make a Deal                      Rev. Tim Gerarden

\*Hymn No. 435    *“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”*

### 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 holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

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:

**God of Boundless Goodness: We have come to this place this day to worship you with our songs, with our words, with our gifts, and with our whole hearts. We are reminded that our discipleship decision involves more than what we bring this day to the altar; it calls us to a place where a cross that is ours alone must be picked up and carried. This, more than anything else, is why we need the community of your church. Strengthen us, we pray, not just to carry our own cross, but to help sisters and brothers carry their crosses as well. In the name of the one who bore his cross for us. Amen.**

\*Hymn No. 838 "Standing on the Promises?"

## \*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

**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 Rev. Tim Gerarden  
For providing today's worship service.**

Please keep our prayers for: Donna Dohrmann, Kristy Johnson, Carol Prenzlów, Elaine Gransee and Ruth Allen for strength and healing.

Bev Livingston is now a full time resident at Fairview Care Center. All of her mail should now go to 909 Blanch St., Mantorville, MN 55955.

### Special Dates in February

Sunday, February 25

Communion

Tuesday, February 27

Session Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Please pick up your offering envelopes and 2023 donations receipts. They are on the round table in the corner. The 2023 Annual Report and Church Directory are available also.

### Treasurer's Report:

Receipts January 2024	\$	5,045.50
Expenses January 2024	\$	2,801.56
Balance January 2024	\$	2,243.94
Needed weekly	\$	2,149.70
Needed monthly	\$	9,315.34