



Sunday, March 10, 2024

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

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Brian Rohrs, Pianist

Rev. Loren Olson

10:00 a.m

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: How awesome God's light is!

P: It pours rays of comfort and hope onto this dark world!

L: Come, dance and rejoice in the light!

P: Lord, let your light flood into our hearts and spirits!

L: Come, let us celebrate!

P: Let us bring our praise to God! AMEN

*Hymn No. 634 "To God Be the Glory"

*Prayer of Confession

God of mercy and patience, be with us this day as we celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing. Help us to remember that the gifts we give, go to help many people in need. Remind us again that our lives are meant to be gifts to others, for healing, hope, comfort, peace and love. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details of living and when we become so overwhelmed by our current economic woes that we neglect to help others. Enlighten us again with your spirit and your words of healing love. Caring and sharing are the hallmarks of discipleship with Jesus Christ. Heal and forgive us. Give us hearts for joyful caring and sharing; for it is in Jesus' name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

*Assurance of Grace

Let God's love and mercy wash over you as the spring rains wash over the earth, bringing promise of new life and hope. Be at peace. 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 of Illumination

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

**P: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**

L: and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**P: Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;**

L: they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

**P: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;**

L: he sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.

**P: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.**

**All: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

Scripture:	Numbers 21:4-9	Pg. 174-175 OT
	Ephesians 2:1-10	Pg. 235 NT
	John 3:14-21	Pg. 114 NT

Sermon:	"Love the Light"	Rev. Loren Olson
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*Hymn No. 749 "Come, Live in the Light (We Are Called)"

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 Pon-
tius 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.

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**

God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ, we pray. Amen

***Hymn No. 216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

***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."

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. Loren Olson for providing our service today.

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

We will have our **Easter Memorial Garden** again this year!
We will have the info available on the kitchen bulletin board soon.

March Dates To Remember

(These events and times may change, so we will announce any changes)

March 11-15 - Meals on Wheels

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 28 - Maundy Service and Communion at 6:30 PM
Dinner at 5:30 PM

March 29 - Good Friday (no service)

March 31 - Easter Service at 8:00 AM with breakfast and egg hunt following service. **Please sign up to help Nate Gransee with this event on the Bulletin Board by Kitchen**

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