



Sunday, March 17, 2024

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

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Brian Rohr - Music

March 17, 2024

Rev. Tim Gerarden

10:00 AM

We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

L: This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.

P: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

L: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

P: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

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

*Prayer of Confession

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

*Assurance of Grace

Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, restoring. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed. 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 51:1-12**

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

**P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

L: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

P: Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

L: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**P: You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**P: Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

L: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

L: Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Scripture:	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Pg. 899 OT
	Hebrews 5:5-10	Pg. 267 NT
	John 12:20-33	Pg. 130 NT

Sermon:	Futures	Rev. Tim Gerarden
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***Hymn No. 209** *“My Song Is Love Unknown”*

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.

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:

*Hymn No. 439 *"O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"*

***Benediction**

Glorious God, you sent Jesus to change our lives in bold and amazing ways. Yet, we often are consumed by the pettiness of our own "to do" lists. As we place this offering before you, help us to surrender completely to your love and to be stirred into fruit-bearing action that results in faithful stewardship. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*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, Bev Livingston, Elaine Gransee and Ruth Allen for strength and healing.

HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY

Upcoming Events and Services:

SUNDAY, March 24th - Palm Sunday

THURSDAY, March 28th - Maundy Thursday

Church Dinner at 5:30 & Communion following dinner.

FRIDAY, March 29th - Good Friday - NO Service

SUNDAY, March 31st - EASTER

**Service at 8:00 AM with Breakfast (Thanks to Nate G.)
following and egg hunt.**

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts February 2024	\$	6,306.00
Expenses February 2024	\$	3,110.19
Balance February 2024	\$	3,195.81
Needed weekly	\$	2,149.70
Needed monthly	\$	9,315.34