



Sunday, May 5, 2024

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

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**Brian Rohrs, Pianist**

**May 5, 2024**

**Rev. Loren Olson**

**10:00 a.m.**

**We Approach God**

Announcements

Prelude

**Call to Worship:**

L: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

**P: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!**

L: God has remembered God's faithful ones.

**P: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!**

L: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

**P: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.**

\*Hymn No 309 "Come, Great God of All the Ages"

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Easter is such a wonderful season, Lord. Hope springs anew in our hearts. As the earth is being refreshed by the warmth of spring, so we have been refreshed and made new by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we want to stay in this euphoria forever. But you have called us to go into the valley, to those who need to hear of your love and to feel your caring presence. In his words of hope, Jesus prepared his disciples to be witnesses. We have heard these words before, but far too often, we have turned our backs to this message. We don't quite believe that we are capable of actually living our whole lives in your love. So we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others. We take more time pampering ourselves than we do helping other people. It is easier to justify our selfish desires than it is to witness to your transforming love. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Turn us around. Help us to face our weakness and your forgiving grace. Heal us of our sins, and place us again on the paths of peace. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**\*Assurance of Grace**

**God has remembered God's steadfast love to all the people. We are healed and called to again be God's beloved children and witnesses. Receive that healing love and share the good news with all you meet, that God is love and in God there is no darkness or fear. 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**

**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 for Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98:1-9

L: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

**P: The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

L: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

L: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**P: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**P: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

**All: at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

Scripture Reading:	Acts 10:44-48	Pg. 158 NT
	1 John 5:1-6	Pg. 293 NT
	John 15:9-17	Pg. 134 NT

Sermon: "Being Jesus' Friends" Rev. Loren Olson

\*Hymn No. 465 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

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## 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 Pi-  
late, 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 for-  
giveness 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:**  
**O most merciful and gracious God, from whose open hand we all  
have received much: We ask you to accept this offering of your  
people. Remember in your love those who have brought it.  
Remember also those persons and purposes for which it is given.  
So follow this sacrifice with your blessing that it may promote  
peace and good will, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and  
Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray; Amen.**

\*Hymn No 318      *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

\*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

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WELCOME VISITORS. Thank you for coming to worship with us.

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

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**\*Sunday, May 12th - Mother's Day**  
**\*Thursday, May 16 - PW Meeting - Spring Flower Fling**  
**\*Sunday, May 19th - Pentecost Sunday**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Receipts March 2024	\$	8,560.66
Expenses March 2024	\$	6,101.14
Balance March 2024	\$	2,459.52
Needed weekly	\$	2,149.70
Needed monthly	\$	9,315.34