

Bulletin for Worship

June 6th, 2021

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee from Memorial Presbyterian in Appleton
**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above,
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Warren Kraft

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what
has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be
changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Assurance of Hope and Forgiveness

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit, we have died to the old life,
and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day.
Beloved people of God, trust in this good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ANTHEM

Holy Spirit

First Presbyterian Church of Wausau

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Cynthia Little

Let us pray for illumination.

Your word is a lamp unto our feet, O God, and a light unto our path. Open our ears that we
may hear and our minds that we may understand what your Spirit is saying to the church today.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Psalm 23 (KJV)

Rev. Cynthia Little

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

Rev. Dr. Dave Colby

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Being Church in a Time of Transition"

Rev. Dr. Dave Colby

HYMN

When in Our Music, God Is Glorified

First Presbyterian Church of Wausau

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found,
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song,

in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Dave Colby

Let us join our hearts together in prayer.

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray.
Confident in your love and mercy, we offer our prayers.

Empower the church throughout the world in its life and witness, and especially the church here in northeast Wisconsin, in this presbytery. May the church proclaim your good news, provide shelter, nurture and fellowship, promote righteousness, and exhibit the Kingdom of Heaven to the world. May we demonstrate that people belong together in graceful fellowship and that gifts given are to be shared.

Grant that we may love our neighbors as ourselves, welcome the strangers we encounter, and, as we feel the rejection and voicelessness of others, we may meet Christ in them and bear witness to his transforming love.

We pray for the communities in which we live and work; for people under stress and unable to deal with their difficulties; for those who seek comfort in ways which bring no help; for all who are fearful. Give us grace to show by our concern and actions how each is loved and valued by you.

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed, and vain ambition, and bow to your sovereign rule. Inspire them to strive for peace and justice, that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice.

Hear the cries of the world's hungry and suffering. Give us the will to reorder our lives, that all may have their rightful share of the food, medical care, and shelter, and so have the necessities of a life of dignity.

Restore among us a love of the earth you created for our home. Help us put an end to ravishing its land, air, and waters, and give us respect for all your creatures, that, living in harmony with everything you have made, your whole creation may resound in an anthem of praise to your glorious name.

Many of us are emerging from the most difficult year of their lives. For students, who have been staring at screens, trying to learn. For people who have served and endured much: Intensive Care Nurses and teachers, small business owners, counselors, musicians and pastors. We pray for those who are exhausted, and need your Spirit to restore and replenish their creativity and energy and passion. May this summer provide a time of respite and renewal. Help us to be your people. Today, and in the coming days, with all creativity and intelligence and imagination and love, for we seek to follow in the ways of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying . . .

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**

and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Friends, we can do so much holy work when we work together. In gratitude to God, and with generous hearts, let us find ways to offer our treasure, our time, and our talents to the work of the church in God's world. Put money in the offering plate, or send in a check to the church office, or donate online. Use your time and talents well for the glory of God. And let us be generous.

ANTHEM Praise to the Lord, the Almighty from Handbell Choir of First
Presbyterian Church of Wausau

CHARGE

CLOSING HYMN I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #700 from Memorial Appleton

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)

I'm gonna work so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)

I'm gonna work so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)

I'm gonna pray so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)

I'm gonna pray so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)

I'm gonna sing so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)

I'm gonna sing so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (any time!)

BENEDICTION

David Colby

As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving each other
as the Lord has forgiven you,
And crown all these things with love,
Which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

May the grace of Christ attend you,
The love of God surround you,
The Holy Spirit keep you,
That you may live in faith,
Abound in hope,
And grow in love,
Both now and forevermore.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Caminante, No Hay Camino

by William Weinmann

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