

**First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids  
Sunday, August 9, 2020**

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – “*Sicilienne*” by Faure

Welcome

Rev. Sandra Murray

Ringing of the Historic Church Bell

Introit – “*Beautiful In His Time*” by Forrest

Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, let us approach worship today with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

**People: With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

Leader: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering,

**People: For he who has promised is faithful.**

Leader: Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.

**People: Let us encourage one another as we meet together today.**

**All: Praise the Lord! Amen.**

Opening Prayer

**All: Gracious God, we thank you for your promise to be with us and among us today as we worship you in a spirit of humility and holiness. We invite you to be our “true mirror,” to hold up before us your Word in such a way that we see our true selves. Help us also to see in a new way the fullness of your ineffable glory and transcendent grace and mercy. We await in the next hour your word to us, that by it we may be empowered to live in the world, announcing your rule of justice, reconciliation and peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend. Amen.**

Opening Hymn 20 – “*All Things Bright and Beautiful*” (verses 1 & 4)

Refrain

**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.**

Verse 1

**Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors;  
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]**

Verse 4

**God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. [Refrain]**

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Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Anthem – “*Listen to the Lambs*” by Helvey

Scripture Readings – Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Matthew 14:22-28

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Changing History”

Rev. Sandra Murray

Responsive Anthem – “*Nearer My God, To Thee*” by Forrest

Pastoral Prayer & 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.**

Concluding Hymn 721 – “*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*” (verses 1 & 4)

Verse 1

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

Refrain

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.**

Verse 4

**You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me: [Refrain]**

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Charge and Blessing

Leader: In the coming week what does God call us to do?

People: **We are called to: Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;  
deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;  
and demonstrate Christ’s way of love in service to the world.**

Benediction

Benediction Response – “*Let There Be Peace On Earth*”

Postlude – “*Arioso*” by Bach

**Worship Concludes – Service Begins!**

Thank you Kyle Stachnik for playing cello for us today.  
Thank you Laura Cameron and Ken Price for singing!

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