

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, July 5, 2020

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude

Mel Stoll

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the Lord, everyone!

People: We come, seeking God's healing love.

Leader: Make your hearts ready to discover God's power in your lives.

People: We open our hearts and spirits to receive God's loving gifts.

Leader: Whether at home or in church, let us give praise to the Lord, for God is good!

All: Come, let us worship together the living God!

Opening Prayer

Lord of love and mercy, we come to you this day, at the beginning of the summer season. This should be a time of relaxation and restoration, but our spirits still carry the burdens of the world. Please give to us your healing love. Strengthen us that we may find the peace that only You can give. Wherever we are, we offer our cares and our prayers to you now in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Worship Songs

"Free At Last with Glory Glory Hallelujah"

Intro

**Amen Amen Amen
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Verse 1

**Hope falling down like rain
Love that I can't explain
Peace that stills my soul
Light in the darkest place
Life even in the pain
It feels like coming home**

Chorus

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is
There is freedom
I am free amen**

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Verse 2

**Here I'm alive again
Gone is the weight of sin
Oh sweet liberty
Praise God
Who saved my life
I'm bought with the blood of
Christ
I have been redeemed**

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Ending

**Glory Glory Hallelujah
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Glory Glory Hallelujah
His Truth is marching on**

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"You Say"

Verse 1

I keep fighting voices in my mind
That say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me
I will never measure up

Verse 2

Am I more than just the sum of
Every high and every low
Remind me once again just who I am
Because I need to know

Chorus

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
And when I don't belong oh You say I am Yours
And I believe oh I believe
What You say of me I believe

Verse 3

The only thing that matters now
Is everything You think of me
In You I find my worth
In You I find my identity

Chorus

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Verse 4

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your
feet
You'll have every failure God
You'll have every victory

Chorus

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What You say of me
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Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Scripture Reading – John 13:1-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**"Serve One Another:
Finding Happiness by Helping Others"**

Rev. Jim Porter

Song of Response – **"By Our Love"**

Verse 1

Brothers let us come together
Walking in the Spirit
There's much to be done
We will come reaching
Out from our comforts
And they will know us by our love

Verse 2

Sisters we were made for kindness
We can pierce the darkness
As He shines through us
We will come reaching
With a song of healing
And they will know us by our love

Chorus

The time is now
Come church arise
Love with His hands
See with His eyes
Bind it around you
Let it never leave you
And they will know us by our love

Verse 3

Children you are hope for justice
Stand firm in the Truth now
Set your hearts above
You will be reaching
Long after we're gone
And they will know you by your love

Chorus

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Celebration of Communion

Worship Song – “Come To The Table”

Verse 1

We all start on the outside
The outside looking in
This is where grace begins
We were hungry we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh the shape that we were in

Pre-Chorus

Just when all hope seemed lost
Love opened the door for us

Chorus

He said come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table

Verse 2

Come meet this motley crew of misfits
These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here
So that sin and shame that you've brought with
you

You can leave it at the door
And let mercy draw you near

Chorus

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Bridge

To the thief and to the doubter
To the hero and the coward
To the prisoner and the soldier
To the young and to the older

All who hunger all who thirst
All the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes
All who've failed you've been forgiven

All who dream and all who suffer
All who've loved and lost another
All the chained and all the free
All who follow all who lead

Anyone who's been let down
All the lost you have been found
All who've been labeled right or wrong
To everyone who hears this song

Chorus 2

Come come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
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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 Song – “Free At Last”

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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

Postlude

Praise Band

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

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Join a Small Group Today!

We are forming small groups of 6 to 10 people that get together weekly to discuss the sermons based on the book "How Happiness Happens" by Max Lucado. We have several groups you can join or you can form your own small group. Please contact Nancy Muhlig at 231-264-9434 or nmuhlig@charter.net for more details.