

**First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, July 12, 2020**

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“Lamb of God”* by Paris

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Ring of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: Whether here in the sanctuary or gathered in our homes, come, let us worship the Lord our God!

People: For the Lord is our God, and we are the Lord's people.

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our ears,

People: That we might both hear and heed the word of the Lord.

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our eyes,

People: That we might both see and perceive the will of the Lord.

Leader: As we wait upon the Lord, let us open our hearts.

People: That we might understand with our hearts and turn to the Lord for healing.

Opening Prayer

All: God of old stories and new beginnings, open our lives today to the new thing that you long to accomplish in our lives. As you called those who have gone before us to walk faithfully with you, speak our names today, call us to higher purposes, fill us with your Spirit that we may worthily praise you and magnify your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn 41 – *“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”* (verses 1, 3 & 5)

Verse 1

**O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

Verse 3

**The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

Verse 5

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

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Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Anthem – *“Here's One”* by Hayes

Scripture Reading – Matthew 18:21-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Forgive One Another”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Anthem – *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

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 370 – *“This Is My Father’s World”*

Verse 1

**This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.**

Verse 2

**This is my Father's world.
O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.**

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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 – *“El Shaddai”* by Thompson/Card

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

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