

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids  
Sunday, July 19, 2020

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“Free Amen”*

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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There is freedom  
I am free amen**

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**

Chorus

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

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Bridge

**Free at last  
Free at last  
Thank God almighty  
I am free at last  
All my chains  
Are in the past  
Thank God Almighty  
I am free at last**

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Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Call to Worship

Leader: When we look at this world, focusing on the pain and confusion, fear and hatred seem to abound.

People: **For what can we hope?**

Leader: We wait anxiously for the goodness of creation to be made manifest in all the world, for this is the promise of God.

People: **God is always with us, guiding, rescuing, healing, restoring us.**

Leader: Get ready, dear friends, for the promises of God are true!

All: **Lord, quiet our spirits and open our hearts in this time of worship whether we are at home or gathered in the sanctuary. Bring us your hope and peace. Amen!**

Opening Prayer

**God of surprises, and of love and hope, even in the midst of difficult times, we come here from the weariness of the week, some from various triumphs, others from fears and doubts. Open our hearts this day to receive your surprising message of love and hope for all people, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Worship Songs

***“This Is Amazing Grace”***

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for  
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free

***“Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)”***

Come Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

How Your kindness yet pursues me  
How Your mercy never fails me  
'Til the day that death shall loose me  
I will sing oh I will sing

Oh to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee

Oh Jesus I sing for  
All that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
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Worthy Worthy Worthy

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Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

How Your kindness yet pursues me  
How Your mercy never fails me  
'Til the day that death shall loose me  
I will sing oh I will sing

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Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Special Music – *“Amazing Grace”*

Merrick Peters

Scripture Reading – James 5:13-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Bearing One Another  
through the Power of Prayer”

Rev. Jim Porter

Song of Response – **“Available”**

Narrow as the road may seem  
I'll follow where Your spirit leads  
Broken as my life may be  
I will give You every piece

I hear You call  
I am available  
I say yes Lord  
I am available

Here I am with open hands  
Counting on Your grace again  
Less of me and more of You  
I just wanna see You move

I hear You call  
I am available  
I say yes Lord  
I am available

I hear You call  
I am available  
I say yes Lord  
I am available

Here I am here I am  
You can have it all  
You can have it all

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For the one who gave me life  
Nothing is a sacrifice  
Use me how You want to God  
Have Your throne within my heart

I hear You call  
I am available  
I say yes Lord  
I am available

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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 – **“You Say”**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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  
Oh I believe yes I believe  
What You say of me I believe

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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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