

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids  
Sunday, July 26, 2020

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – “Adagio” op. 26 II movement by Bruch

Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Ring of the Historic Church Bell

Introit – “Crown Him Lord of All!” arr. by Parks

Call to Worship

Leader: There is something deeper than trouble.

**People: It is love.**

Leader: God’s amazing grace;

**People: Carrying, lifting, holding us in all seasons.**

Leader: There is something more powerful than despair.

**People: It is love.**

Leader: God’s tender compassion, calling us His children;

**People: Seeing us through dark nights, waves of sadness, mountains of grief.**

Leader: There is something longer lasting than pain.

**People: It is love.**

Leader: God’s healing touch;

**All: Bringing us hope, leading us to joy, teaching us to sing.**

Opening Prayer

**All: Surprising and persistent God, you never give up on us. You seek us, follow us, call us. We cannot escape from your yearning for us, and only when we turn to you do we find the sweetness of life, the reason for living, an ever-flowing fountain of peace and joy.**

**Thank you for your amazing love that surprises us, comforts us and renews us. Give us hearts of gratitude, and forever let us sing your praise. Amen.**

Opening Hymn – “*Love Lifted Me*” (verses 1 & 3)

Verse 1

**I was sinking deep in sin,  
Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within,  
Sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea  
Heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me-  
Now safe am I.**

Chorus 2x

**Love lifted me!  
Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me!**

Verse 3

**Souls in danger, look above;  
Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love  
Out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea,  
Billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be-  
Be saved today.**

Chorus 2x

**Love lifted me!  
Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me!**

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Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Scripture Readings – 1 Corinthians 13  
John 13:31-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Love One Another:  
What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love”

Rev. Jim Porter

Responsive Anthem – “*Love Unmeasured, Love of God*” by Larson

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 192 – “*Shine, Jesus, Shine*” (verses 1 & 3)

Verse 1

**Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring  
us  
Shine on me, shine on me**

Refrain

**Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light**

Verse 3

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your  
story  
Shine on me, shine on 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 – “*Rondo*” by Mozart

**Worship Concludes – Service Begins!**

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