

**First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, May 3, 2020**

Order of Worship – Online Service

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Leader: Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

People: Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

Leader: Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

People: Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

Leader: Enliven our worship today,

People: So that we might be filled with the power and peace of your presence.

Leader: Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah! Amen!

Opening Prayer

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us this day and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

Opening Hymn 611 – *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

Verse 1

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

Verse 2

**All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.**

Verse 3

**Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

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Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Anthem – *“There Is Gonna Come a Day”* by McDonald

Scripture Reading – Luke 24:13-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Seeing and Recognizing Jesus”

Rev. Jim Porter

Hymn of Response 521 – *“In Remembrance of Me”*

Verse 1

**In remembrance of me,
eat this bread.**

**In remembrance of me,
drink this wine.**

**In remembrance of me,
pray for the time when God’s own will is done**

Verse 2

**In remembrance of me,
heal the sick.**

**In remembrance of me,
feed the poor.**

**In remembrance of me,
open the door and let your neighbors in,
let them in.**

**Take, eat, and be comforted;
drink and remember too,
that this is my body and precious blood shed for you,
shed for you.**

Verse 3

**In remembrance of me,
search for truth.**

**In remembrance of me,
always love.**

**In remembrance of me,
don’t look above, but in your heart,
look for God.**

Do this in remembrance of me.

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Celebration of Communion

Communion Meditation – *“I Believe”* by Drake

Soloist: Jeff Whittaker

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 625 – *“How Great Thou Art”*

Verse 1

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

Refrain

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

Verse 2

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**

Refrain

Verse 3

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:**

Refrain

Verse 4

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"**

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

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!