

**First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids  
Sunday, May 17, 2020**

Order of Worship – Online Service

Welcome	Rev. Jim Porter
Lighting of the Christ Candle	
Prelude	Cheryl Knight
Minute for Mission – Baby Bottle Campaign Video	Moms and Tots
Call to Worship	

Leader:	Live in God's love!
<b>People:</b>	<b>Let that love be poured out for all God's people!</b>
Leader:	Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.
<b>People:</b>	<b>We are called to be God's witnesses.</b>
Leader:	Celebrate and rejoice.
<b>People:</b>	<b>Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us a ministry of peace.</b>
<b>All:</b>	<b>Come, let us worship God together! Amen.</b>

Opening Prayer

**Lord of wondrous light and power, we come to you this day to learn of your will for our lives. Heal our wounds; lift our spirits; give us courage and confidence to boldly serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen**

Opening Hymn 1 – ***"Holy, Holy, Holy"***

Verse 1

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Verse 2

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Verse 3

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.**

Verse 4

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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Message to the Children	Wayne Potter
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Anthem – *"Listen with Your Heart"* by Nix

Vocalists: Ken Price & Cheryl Knight; Flute: Jan Johnson

Scripture Reading – Acts 17:22-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Response 817 – ***"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"***

Verse 1

**We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."**

Verse 2

**We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"**

Verse 3

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found.**

Verse 4

**And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
may we behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.**

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Special Music – *"I Feel the Spirit Moving"*

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

## Postlude

### **Worship Concludes – Service Begins!**

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