

**First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, May 24, 2020**

Order of Worship – Online Service

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – ***“God So Loved”***

Praise Team

Verse 1

**Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more**

Verse 2

**Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for**

Chorus 1

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever**

Verse 3

**Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms**

Chorus 2

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
Will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well
I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved
God so loved the world**

Bridge

**Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love
Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love**

Chorus 3

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save
For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
Will live forever**

**The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well
I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved
God so loved the world**

Verse 4

**Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world**

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Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Call to Worship

Leader: Faded photographs,
People: Distant memories,
Leader: Of special times,
People: Of painful news.
Leader: Family and friends
People: Saddened by death,
Leader: Anguished by loss,
People: Conflicted over wars.
Leader: Yet we are not alone.
People: We are surrounded by the saints,
Leader: And forever remembered by God,
People: Forever held by God,
Leader: Forever given reason to sing,
People: For God's love is stronger than death,
Leader: And the Spirit gives wings to new hope.
**All: Let us never forget those who have gone before us
And sacrificed so much.**

In Memory of Those Who Have Served Our Country – *"Let Us Never Forget"* Video

Opening Prayer

All: Good and loving God, we hold up before You all of our loved ones who have passed from earth into eternity. Especially this day, we remember those who have served our country and laid down their lives that others might live. Keep them always in our memories. Keep them in our hearts. And grant us assurance that one day we shall be reunited around our Creator's throne. Amen.

Worship Songs

"America the Beautiful"

Verse 1

**O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good
With brotherhood from sea to shining sea**

Verse 2

**O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears**

**America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good
With brotherhood from sea to shining sea**

**America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good
With brotherhood from sea to shining sea**

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“Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)”

Verse 1

**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**

Verse 2

**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
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood**

Chorus 1

**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**

Verse 3

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

Chorus 2

**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**

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
'Til the day that death shall loose me
I will sing oh I will sing

Ending

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
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Scripture Reading – Acts 1:6-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“A Different Kind of Witness”

Rev. Jim Porter

Song of Response – **“Holy Water”**

Verse 1

God I'm on my knees again
God I'm begging please again
I need You
Oh I need You
Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need You
Oh I need You

Chorus

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water on my skin

Verse 2

Dead man walking slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again
I need You
Oh God I need You
So take me to the riverside
Take me under baptize
I need You
Oh God I need You oh

Chorus

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water on my skin

Bridge

**I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God I need it every day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change**

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God I need it every day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change**

Chorus2

**Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water**

**Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water on my skin**

**It's like holy water on my skin
It's like holy water**

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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 – *“The Blessing”*

Verse 1

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace**

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace**

Chorus 1

**Amen Amen Amen
Amen Amen Amen**

Verse 2

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace**

Chorus 2

**Amen Amen Amen
Amen Amen Amen
Amen Amen Amen
Amen Amen Amen**

Bridge 1

**May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children**

**May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children**

**May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children**

**May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children**

Bridge 2

**May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you**

Bridge 3

**In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you
He is for you
He is for you
He is for you
He is for you
He is for you Yeah!**

Chorus 3

**Amen Amen Amen
Amen Amen Amen
Amen Amen Amen
Amen Amen Amen**

Bridge 4

**May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you**

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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 – ***“Look Up Child”***

Verse 1

**Where are You now
When darkness seems to win
Where are You now
When the world is crumbling**

Pre-Chorus

**Oh I
I hear You say
I hear You say**

Chorus 1

**Look up child hey
Look up child hey**

Verse 2

**Where are You now
When all I feel is doubt
Where are You now
When I can't figure it out**

Pre-Chorus

Oh I

I hear You say

I hear You say

Chorus 2

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Bridge

You're not threatened by the war

You're not shaken by the storm

I know You're in control

Even in our suffering

Even when it can't be seen

I know You're in control

Pre-Chorus

Oh I

I hear You say

I hear You say

Chorus 3

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Look up child hey

Look up

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