

**First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids
Sunday, October 4, 2020**

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart”* arr. by Carlson

Welcome

Rev. Sandra Murray

Ringing of the Historic Church Bell

Introit – *“Hiding in the Shadow of God”* by Sorenson

Call to Worship

One: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so thank our God

All: For joy in living

One: And patience in trouble;

All: For rainbows after clouds

One: And moonlight on the darkest night;

All: For wisdom to walk the right path

One: And peace to calm anxious worry;

All: For birthday surprises

One: And things in all sizes.

All: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,

One: So let your song arise and give thanks for all God's love.

Opening Prayer

All: From all our life's pathways, you have called us to know and worship you, O Lord. Be with us now as we listen for your word and seek your purpose for our lives today. Guide our steps and guard our hearts that we may serve you more effectively in this broken world. Help us to become the people that you call us to be. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn 510 – *“We Gather Here”*

**We gather here in Jesus' name;
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through his loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.**

**No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.**

**He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.**

**We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.**

**We'll gather soon where angels sing;
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.**

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Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Minute for Stewardship – Video

Roger & Erin Veliquette & Family

Scripture Reading – Romans 12:9-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Pay–What–You–Can Christianity” Rev. Sandra Murray

Responsive Anthem – “*Come Into God’s Embrace*” by McDonald

Celebration of Communion

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.

Closing Hymn 753 – “*Make Me a Channel of Thy Peace*” (verses 1, 3, 4)

Verse 1

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.**

Verse 3

**O, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.**

Verse 4

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we’re born to eternal life.**

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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 – “*Simple Gifts*” arr. by Page

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you Jan Johnson for playing flute and Lynda Nichols for singing today.

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