

First Presbyterian Church, Elk Rapids  
Sunday, October 11, 2020

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – **“Come As You Are”**

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary  
Rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Chorus

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face

O wanderer come home

You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart

Bridge

Come as you are  
Fall in His arms  
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart

Ending

Come as you are  
Come as you are  
Come as you are

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Welcome

Rev. Jim Porter

Minute for Mission – Patriot Place

Don Reynolds

Ringing of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: When the shouts of anger and hostility pound upon our ears...

**People: Quiet our hearts, O God, to hear your voice.**

Leader: When the arrogance of the world and the carelessness of people threaten to destroy your creation . . .

**People: Help us to be strong in our service of hope and peace.**

Leader: O God, hear our voices and our prayers.

**People: Be with us as we come to you this day and always.**

**All: Amen!**

Call to Worship

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts and our spirits to hear your healing words of peace and love. Help us become the people of service and justice that you have called us to be. Make us ready to heal rather than harm; to serve rather than sever. Give us humble hearts of joy and justice, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Worship Song – ***“From The Inside Out”***

Verse 1

**A thousand times I've failed  
Still Your mercy remains  
And should I stumble again  
Still I'm caught in Your grace  
Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame**

Verse 2

**Your will above all else  
My purpose remains  
The art of losing myself  
In bringing You praise  
Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame**

Pre-Chorus

**In my heart in my soul  
I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out Lord  
Let justice and praise  
Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out**

Verse 2

**Your will above all else  
My purpose remains  
The art of losing myself  
In bringing You praise  
Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame**

Pre-Chorus

**In my heart in my soul  
I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out Lord  
Let justice and praise  
Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out**

Chorus

**Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame  
And the cry of my heart  
Is to bring You praise  
From the inside out  
Lord my soul cries out**

Pre-Chorus

**In my heart in my soul  
I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out Lord  
Let justice and praise  
Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out**

Chorus

**Everlasting  
Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame  
And the cry of my heart  
Is to bring You praise  
From the inside out  
Lord my soul cries out**

Everlasting

**Your light will shine when all else fades  
Never-ending  
Your glory goes beyond all fame  
And the cry of my heart  
Is to bring You praise**

**From the inside out  
Lord my soul cries out  
From the inside out  
Lord my soul cries out  
From the inside out  
Lord my soul cries out**

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Message to the Children

Wayne Potter

Scripture Reading – Matthew 22:1-10

Sermon

“The Kingdom of God Is a Party”

Rev. Jim Porter

## Song of Response – *“I Surrender”*

Verse 1

The riches of this world will fade  
The treasures of our God remain  
Here I empty myself to owe this world nothing  
And find everything in You

The riches of this world will fade  
The treasures of our God remain  
Here I empty myself to owe this world nothing  
And find everything in You

Chorus

I surrender I surrender I surrender all to You

Verse 2

Take my life a sacrifice  
In You alone I'm satisfied  
Here I empty myself to owe this world nothing  
And find everything in You  
Oh oh everything in You

Chorus

I surrender I surrender I surrender all to You  
I surrender I surrender I surrender all to You

Bridge

Not my will but Yours be done  
Not my strength but Yours alone  
Nothing else but You oh Lord  
I find everything in You

Not my will but Yours be done  
Not my strength but Yours alone  
Nothing else but You oh Lord  
I find everything in You

Chorus

I surrender I surrender I surrender all to You  
I surrender I surrender I surrender all to You  
I surrender I surrender I surrender all to You

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## Minute for Stewardship – Video

Roger & Erin Veliquette & Family

### 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 Stand”*

Verse 1

You stood before creation  
Eternity in Your hand  
You spoke the earth into motion  
My soul now to stand

Verse 2

You stood before my failure  
And carried the cross for my shame  
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders  
My soul now to stand

Pre-Chorus

So what can I say  
And what can I do  
But offer this heart O God  
Completely to You

Verse 3

So I'll walk upon salvation  
Your Spirit alive in me  
My life to declare Your promise  
My soul now to stand

Pre-Chorus

So what can I say  
And what can I do  
But offer this heart O God  
Completely to You

So what can I say  
And what can I do  
But offer this heart O God  
Completely to You

Chorus

So I'll stand  
With arms high and heart abandoned  
In awe of the One who gave it all  
I'll stand  
My soul Lord to You surrendered  
All I am is Yours

So I'll stand  
With arms high and heart abandoned  
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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.**

## Postlude

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

Thank you for your generous giving during this challenging time! Your gifts support all of the work and ministries of the church, as we continue to do the work of Christ in the world today. You can mail your pledges to the church at: First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids, 404 Spruce Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629, give through online giving at [www.erfpc.org](http://www.erfpc.org) (click on the Giving tab at the top right), or set up a one time or recurring donation by contacting our Financial Manager, Liz Atkinson, at 231-313-6126. Again, we thank everyone for their continued support of the ministries and mission of the church!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

### **“Can We Talk About It?” – Begins Wednesday, October 14 at 7 PM via Zoom**

"Can We Talk About It?" is a new forum discussing issues of Faith, Leadership, and Justice. Led by Pastor Jim, this group is open to everyone in the church and will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Each month we will look a different podcast, blog, or book that focuses on compelling issues in our world today. Don't miss these thought-provoking discussions!

### **New Member Class – Monday, October 19 from 6:30-8:30 PM**

Here's an opportunity to explore becoming a member of our family of faith. We have a new member class scheduled for Monday evening, October 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is an orientation with Pastor Jim to learn more about who we are. Please contact the church office ([info@erfpc.org](mailto:info@erfpc.org) or 231-264-8167) if you would like to attend.

### **“Wired Word” – Wednesday, October 21 from 6:30-7:30 PM**

You're invited to attend "Wired Word" on Wednesday, October 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the church Fellowship Hall. We'll wear masks and practice social distancing. Feel free to bring a beverage and something to eat. For more information, call Nancy Muhlig, 231-632-3712.

### **Online Family Sunday School – New Lesson Available Every Sunday**

Gather your family together for Family Sunday School. New lessons are available every Sunday on our website ([erfpc.org](http://erfpc.org)). Either click on the Sunday School banner that scrolls on the home page or click Ministry Teams from the top menu, then Children and Youth, Children's Ministry, and choose the lesson. Background information, scripture, Bible story, and activities – all included for your convenience. Plus, the lessons are designed for all ages. Please contact Wayne Potter at 517-416-2813 if you have any questions.

### **Virtual Prayer Retreat “Jesus Whispers In The Storm” – Saturday, October 24**

Great Lakes Pilgrimage presents a virtual prayer retreat on Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. Sometimes we need to stop in the midst of the storms all around us and take a breath, get away with God for a bit and be reminded of our peace and shelter in Christ. Registration is limited to the first 50 participants. For more information, email [info@greatlakespilgrimage.org](mailto:info@greatlakespilgrimage.org). To register, go to the website [greatlakespilgrimage.org](http://greatlakespilgrimage.org).