



**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Pipestone, Minnesota**  
**April 3rd, 2022 - 10:00 AM**

**Prelude**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome:** Elizabeth Fox

**Announcements:** Emily Speer

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: God makes a way out of no way.

**People: God sees our tears and turns them into joy.**

Leader: God makes the impossible possible  
and sees the desperate needs of all people.

**ALL: Come close, healing Lord, and receive our worship.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Hymn #361:** (*Please Stand*) How Firm a Foundation

## **Call to Confession**

### **Confession:**

**Why are you so extravagant, O God?**

**We work hard,  
use our intelligence,  
keep our ledgers balanced,  
accomplish feats daily,  
care for our families,  
and honor our inherited legacies.**

**Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored?**

**Yet you throw open windows and doors,  
revealing a vision we do not possess,  
where accomplishments don't count,  
where tears reap joy,  
where peace is found in suffering,  
where confidence is gained  
by giving away what is ours to treasure.**

**Show us again what matters.**

**Forgive our misplaced values,  
and draw us into your extravagance,  
that we, too, might be generous with our love.**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

**Gloria Patri** (*Please Stand*)

## **Children's Sermon**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Scripture Reading:**

**Isaiah 43:16–21** (pg. 887 Old Testament)

**Psalms 126** (pg. 763 Old Testament)

**Philippians 3:4b–14** (pg. 266 New Testament)

**John 12:1–8** (pg. 143 New Testament)

**Message:** Elizabeth Fox

**Hymn #102:** (*Please Stand*) Were You There

**Affirmation of Faith:** (*Please Stand*)

The reconciling work of Jesus  
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.  
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis  
and present hope for women and men  
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.  
In this experience,  
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all,  
moves people to respond in faith,  
repentance, and obedience,  
and initiates the new life in Christ.

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.21*

## **Lord's Prayer & Prayers of the People:**

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.

**Offering:** *(Please place offering in plate by back door)*

**Doxology:** *(Please Stand)*

**Prayer of Dedication:** *(Please Stand)*

**Hymn #391** *(Please Stand)* Take My Life

**Charge & Benediction:** *(Please Stand)*

Put away the past.  
God is about to do a new thing!  
God makes a way where there is no way!  
God carves a path through the wilderness  
and sends angels to guard and guide us.

Having been reconciled to God,  
we are now agents of God's righteousness  
and ambassadors for Christ.  
Live boldly,  
for Christ welcomes sinners  
and makes all things new. **Amen.**

## **Postlude**

**Following worship, please join us in Westminster Hall for refreshments and fellowship. This week, the Taubert family has volunteered. If you would also like to volunteer, the sign-up sheet is located by the serving windows in the hall.**

**Thank you to the Confirmation Kids for ushering, and Bonnie Folkerts for her musical talents.**

## **Members in Service--**

**Elder in Charge—Bud Eernisse**

**Admin Assistant—Hailey Elyea**

**Custodian—Heather Swinea**

## **Elders--**

**Emily Speer**

**Shelly Hennager**

**Bud Eernisse**

**Andrew Schaap**

**Laura Wurster**

## **Deacons--**

**Lana Eeten**

**Jan Biever**

**Debbie Boelter**

**Sharleen Ludolph**

**Peggy Taubert**

**Abbey Taubert**

## **This Week's Opportunities**

**Today, April 3, 2022**

10:00 AM ~ Worship

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

6:00 PM ~ JAM at Peace United Methodist Church

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

10:00 AM ~ Worship

Carl Gearhart—Speaking

Steve Weets & Denise Nagel—Music

Lloyd & Jean Stoltenberg—Greeting

Ron & Donna Raatz—Fellowship



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – April 4th, 2022**

### **Easter Lilies are Available to Purchase**

Easter Lilies are now available to purchase. It is \$11.00 per lily and will be displayed on Easter Sunday and the Sunday after Easter. Please indicate if you would like to pick up or donate to our shut-in members.

### **Maundy Thursday Meal**

The Worship Committee invites everyone to a meal prior to the Maundy Thursday service on April 14, 2022. Guests will arrive between 5:15-5:30 PM for a meal at 5:30PM, followed by service at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or by calling the church office by Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Easter Sunday Service**

Easter Service will be held at 9:00 AM on Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Robby and Donna Flint will be leading the service. Immediately following, an Easter egg hunt will be held for the children of First Presbyterian.

### **Pastoral Nominating Committee**

Please continue to pray as the PNC works to find a Pastor for the church.

### **Fellowship Sign-Ups**

Please sign up for the fellowship. Fellowship Sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Pop Machine**

There is a pop machine downstairs if anyone is interested in giving it a new home. If more than one person is interested, there will be a drawing.

### **Noisy Offering**

There will be a noisy offering on Palm Sunday (April 10<sup>th</sup>).

*Attendance on March 27th*

*59 In Person / 98 Online*