

# Firelands Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Firelands Church, a community of believers gathered by the Holy Spirit, growing together in Christ, and committed to serving God. Everyone is encouraged to stay for fellowship following the worship service.

## The Order Of The Liturgy

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Prelude      Children of the Heavenly Father      arr. Page

O God You Search Me      Farrell/Vogt

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

Let us worship in the goodness of our merciful Father,

**In the gentleness of our brother Jesus,**

In the radiance of his Holy Spirit,

**In the faith of the apostles,**

In the joyful praise of the angels,

**In the holiness of the believers,**

In the courage of the martyrs.

**Let us worship God.**

This morning's Call to Worship is from "Celtic Prayers" by de Weyer, p. 25

Invocation (*together*)

**Lord, be with us this day: within us to purify us; above us to draw us up;**

**Beneath us to sustain us; before us to lead us;**

**Behind us to restrain us; around us to protect us. Amen.**

\*Hymn #515

*I Come with Joy (vs 1,2,3)*

Call to Confession      Have mercy on us, O God the Father almighty,  
O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God. only begotten of the Father,  
first-born of Mary, son of David, son of Abraham, beginning of all things,  
fulfillment of the world, Word of God, Christ crucified, eternal judge, have  
mercy on us.

Prayer of Confession (*together*)

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and also the sins I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted. Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works. Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have pity on me, and make me whole. *(Early Irish.)*

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. *(John 10:27, 28)* In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Hymn #582 *Glory to God*

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

Prayer of Illumination *(together)*

**Holy Spirit, You carry our prayers to the heart of God. You place our feet on the path of peace. You stir our desire for the Eternal Presence. You open the way to deep truth. Like wind upon the water, like tongues of living fire, come, Holy Spirit, abide with us as we open the Word of God. Amen.**

First Lesson: Psalm 99 *(responsively)*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is God!

<sup>4</sup> **The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup> Exalt the Lord our God; worship at God's footstool! Holy is God!

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron were among God's priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon God's name. They called to God, and God answered them.**

<sup>7</sup> In the pillar of the cloud God spoke to them; they kept God's testimonies and the statute that God gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

<sup>9</sup> Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at God's holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

Second Lesson: Matthew 17: 1- 9

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: When God Sets the Narrative  
Mr. Dan Moulton

\*Affirmation of Faith:

**In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts - Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayers of the Church and 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Communion Invitation: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the

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