

# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan  
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Opening Prayer

\*Prelude

\*Praise Medley

## I Love to Praise Him

I love to praise him, I love to praise him; I love to praise him and lift up his holy name. Singing hallelujah, singing hallelujah, singing hallelujah unto Jesus, my Lord; we exalt him on high. O I love to praise him, I love to praise him; I love to praise him and lift up his holy name, and lift up his holy name.

## Unto Thee, O Lord

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in Thee; Let me not be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me.

## You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

### Chorus:

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

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Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again, I bless your name. You are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me up. When I am dry, you fill my cup. You are my all in all. *chorus*

**\*Prayer of Confession: Loving God, hear our prayer. You call us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, but like so many who have come before us, we do not. We confess that we judge those unlike us as unworthy of our help. We confess that when we do help, it must be at a convenient time and not be too costly. We fail to love as you taught us to. Forgive us, great God of Love. Fill us again with your Holy Spirit. Teach us to live out of the abundance of your Kingdom and not the scarcity of our earthbound vision. Help us see you in everyone we meet and greet you with love.**

\*Assurance of God's Pardon

**\*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 28:10–22

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:7–14

- 7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
- 12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.**
- 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**

Anthem

-- Lorna, Josh, Shelton

Sermon Text: John 1:43–51

Sermon

\*Hymn: *Change My Heart O God*

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay;  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. (*repeat*)

\*Creed: The Westminster Confession of Faith, 1643:

**Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace. By it a sinner so grieves for and hates his sins, as to turn from them all unto God, purposing and endeavoring to walk with him in all the ways of his commandments. Men ought not to content themselves with a general repentance, but it is every man's duty to repent of his particular sins, particularly.**

\*Intercessions & Prayer Concerns:

Donnie Hamby, Mary Larsen, Marcia McGregor, Rose Laufer,  
Karyn Daft, Kenny Kasten

\*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.**

\*Benediction & Response: *Bind Us Together*

*Refrain:* Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love.

There is only one God, there is only one King, there is only one body; that is why we can sing: *refrain*