

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY

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**First Presbyterian Church
Willmar, MN
May 27, 2018**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

*Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: "O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens."

We gather to praise you!

All: **"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth..."**

One: "O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens."

We gather to celebrate you!

All: **"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...**

And God saw that it was good..."

We gather to celebrate our God.

One: "O Lord, our Lord, the majesty of your name fills the earth!
Your glory is higher than the heavens."
We gather to worship you!
All: **"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...
And God saw that it was very good..."**
One: We gather to worship our God!
All: **All praise, honor, majesty and power belongs to our Creating God!**

HYMN #2022 (SF) "Great Is the Lord"

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord God, you created us in your image, male and female, and called it good. You created us to love and live in harmony with each other and with your creation. You crafted this world as a garden for our enjoyment and for us to live full and abundant lives within it. But we confess that we have fallen short of these things. In our vain strivings we fractured the peace of your creation, and refused to live in harmony with it, polluting and abusing this place we call home. We have fractured our harmony with you and with each other. We have not loved you and loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and set our feet back on the path that leads to you.

~ Silence for Reflection ~

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #170 (PH)** "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2 & 3 (Selected Verses)

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

MESSAGE

"Off to a Good Start"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING "Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream"

***OFFERING RESPONSE #2237 (SF)**

We are learners; we are teachers; we are Pilgrims on the way.

We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.

By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.

In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God's delight.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #65 (SH)** "For the Healing of the Nations"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE #2281 (SF) "May You Run and Not Be Weary"

POSTLUDE