

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN**

March 17, 2021

"Lenten Worship"

6:30 pm

WELCOME

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all...

P: And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN *"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"*

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

OPENING PRAYER

SONG *"Come and Fill"*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 148

HOMILY

Teach Us to Pray: Creation

Rev. Chris Myers

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS & LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

*Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

...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.

BLESSING

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Worship participants for this week:

Audio/Visual: Jeff Hoffman, Andy Myers

Music: Jamie Mills, Marsha Pearson, David Reilly

Preacher: Rev. Chris Myers

Lent 2021 Themes: Teach Us To Pray

February 17 (Ash Wednesday) - **Lord's Prayer** from Matthew 6:5-15

February 24 - **Withdraw:** Luke 5:16 *He would withdraw to a deserted place to pray*

March 3 - **Embody:** Daniel 6:10 *He got down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God*

March 10 - **Silence:** Habb 2:20 *The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence*

March 17 - **Creation:** Ps 148:3-4 *Praise God sun and moon, praise God shining stars, praise God highest heavens!*

March 24 - **Imagine:** Is 43:19 *I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*