

# First Presbyterian Church Kasson, Mn.

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

May 16, 2021

10:00 a.m.

## We Approach God

Announcements

Prelude "Meditation on 'Tis So Sweet"  
Arr. by Mark Davis

### \*Call to Worship (from Psalm 1)

L: We rejoice and praise Your holy name today, O Lord

**P: You have kept us from a destructive path**

L: We give thanks because Your Word gives us hope

**P: And we reflect on Your Word at all times**

L: You are the Source of deep seated faith

**P: And our spirits are refreshed in Your presence.**

L: Let us glorify the Lord

**P: Let us worship God!**

Hymn #418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

## Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love.**

**We have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## Assurance of Grace

**Passing of the peace- please wave to your neighbor**

## We are Inspired by God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 131

Sermon: The Old Normal Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

## We Respond to God

The Pastoral Prayer, Prayer of Dedication and The Lord's Prayer

### 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.**

Hymn #837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"  
(Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

\*Benediction

\*Dismissal Hymn #2241 (4th verse)

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

*"Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit  
has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name."*

\*Postlude "Peace with God"  
By Garrett Parker

WELCOME VISITORS. Thank you for coming to worship with us.  
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Faith Alive Christian Resources; Calvin Institute of Christian Worship.  
The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition (p. 56). Faith Alive Christian  
Resources. Kindle Edition.

**Bulletin Announcements:**

We are doing our May Bible Study on The Torah (or the first five books of the Bible) on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. This week we will study Hebrews chapter 10—meaning of sacrifice. The Zoom link will be sent out via email.

We will celebrate communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.

This service of worship is still different due to the pandemic. If you have any feedback about either the in-person worship service or watching the recording please email Pastor Amanda. We can't make adjustments if we do not know how people feel so please let us know what your experience is like. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we figure all of this out.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Receipts April 2021	\$ 113,658.27
Expenses April 2021	\$ 11,275.40
Balance April 2021	\$ 102,382.87
Needed weekly	\$ 2,375.16
Needed monthly	\$ 10,292.35



**Sunday, May 16, 2021**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**101 6th Ave. NW**  
**Kasson, MN**

## 418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*  
 watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11–32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

TEXT and MUSIC: Will L. Thompson, 1880

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY  
 11.7.11.7 with refrain

## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,  
 Lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing,  
 lean - ing on Je - sus, safe and se - cure from all a - larms; lean - ing on

ing, lean - ing,  
 Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

TEXT: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887  
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER  
 10.9.10.9 with refrain