

- Hymn # 437 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

- Offering -

- Doxology

- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

- Hymn # 297 *Spirit of the Living God*

- Benediction

- Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in F Major*  
By J.S. Bach

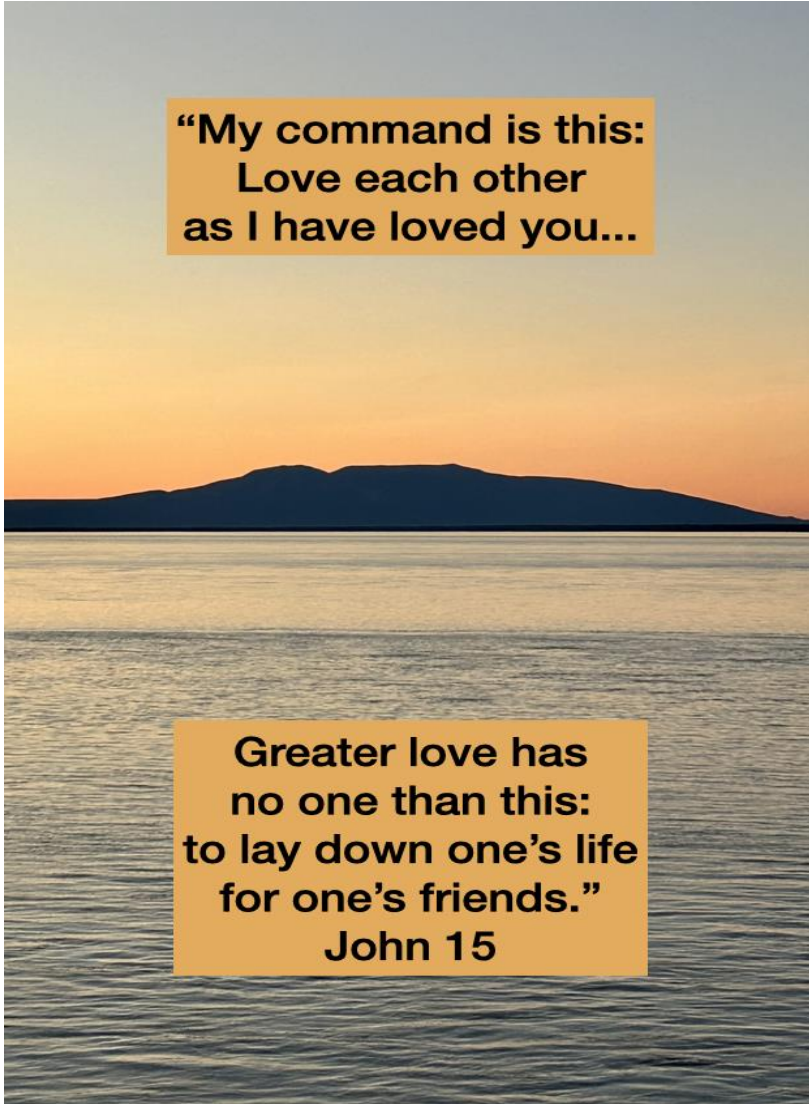


**Simple Thanks**  
by **Don Besig and Nancy Price**

We see your world around us; we know you're everywhere.  
We feel your love surround us and keep us in your care.  
So we come now, dear Father, to thank you, once and all,  
for gifts so rich and wonderful, for blessing great and small.

For the gifts that are simple, for the gifts that are free,  
for the chance to be whatever we can be,  
we thank you, Lord, each passing day for the countless gifts you send  
our way.  
Now hear the world as it sings of the joy and the peace that your love  
can bring.  
Now all our voices we raise to offer thanks and sing your praise!

O Lord of all creation, we come to you this day.  
We join in celebration of all that you have made.  
We rejoice in the wonder around us everywhere.  
We thank you now, dear Father, for all the gifts we share.  
Give thanks for the gifts we share!



**“My command is this:  
Love each other  
as I have loved you...”**

**Greater love has  
no one than this:  
to lay down one's life  
for one's friends.”  
John 15**

**WELCOME TO  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MORNING WORSHIP**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Worship September 29, 2024**  
**Welcome!**

- **Prelude**      *Prelude on a Welsh Hymntune - Rhosymedre*  
by Vaughn Williams



- **Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations**

- **Call to Worship**      Jamie Chope, Liturgist

Leader: Over and over and over again, the Psalms tell us to sing to the Lord. Psalm 96:1 tells us to “sing to the Lord a new song, all the earth.”  
And so God’s people

**All: Sing to the Lord!**

Leader: Psalm 96:2 tells us to “Sing to the Lord, praise his name.” And so God’s people

**All: Sing to the Lord!**

Leader: Psalm 98:1 tells us to “Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.” And so God’s people

**All: Sing to the Lord!**

Leader: Psalm 104:33 says, “I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.” And so God’s people

**All: Sing to the Lord!**

Leader: Psalm 147:7 says, “sing to the Lord with grateful praise.” And so God’s people

**All: Sing to the Lord!**

Leader: Psalm 149:1 says, “Sing to the Lord a new song!” And so God’s people

**All: Sing to the Lord!**

Leader: Please rise, and sing to the Lord together.

- **Hymn # 346**      *Sing Praise to the Lord*

- **Time for Reconciliation** (inspired by Matthew 22:37-39, Mark 12:31)  
(via PC(USA) resources)

Leader: Almighty God, you love us,

**All: But we have not loved you;**

Leader: You call us,

**All: But we have not listened.**

Leader: We see you in our neighbors in need,

**All: But we turn away.**

Leader: Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves,  
so that, as you move toward us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy;

**All: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: We pause for a moment of silence, to privately confess our sins to God, and to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Moment of Silent Confession

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, all is forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

- **Response: Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end, amen, amen.

- **Passing of the peace**

- **Choir Anthem**

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- **Kids Time**      Pastor Matt

- **Scripture Reading**

**Mark 12: 41-44** - Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

**John 15: 9-17** - “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. ...17 This is my command: Love each other.

- **Sermon: The Gift of Life**      Roxann Berry and Holly Fisk