

- Benediction

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- Postlude *Toccata on Amazing Grace* Pardini

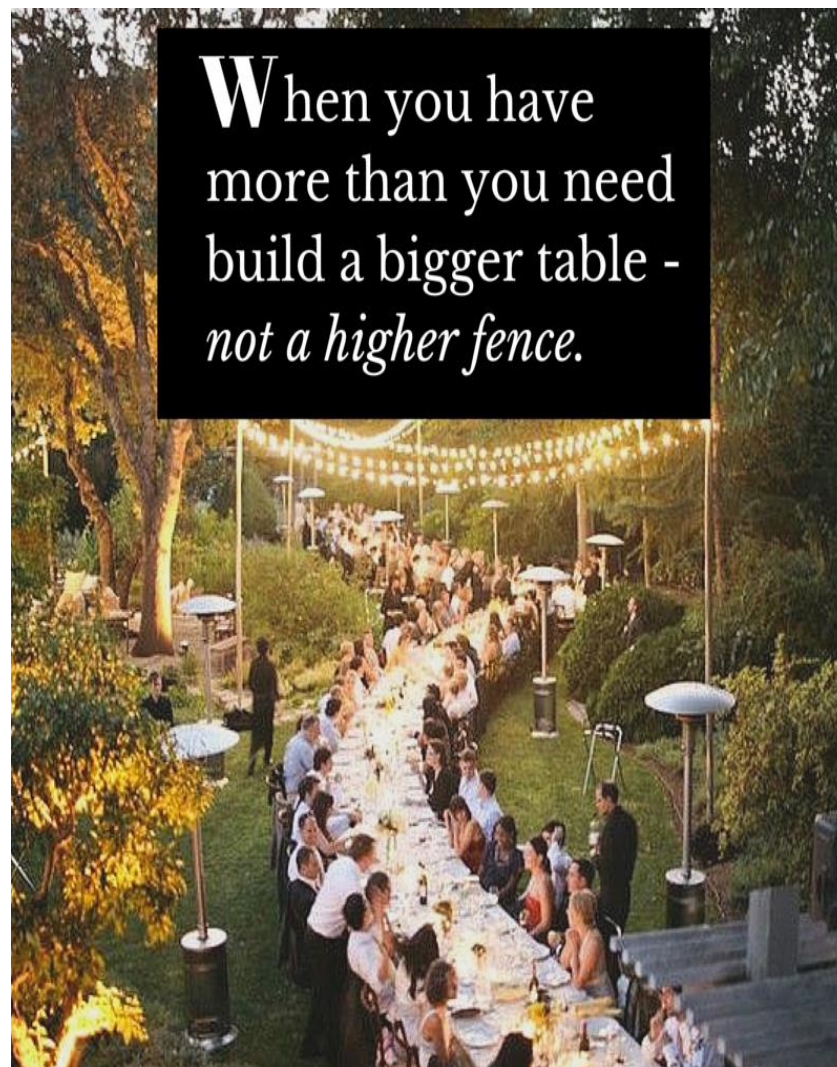
O Love
by Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, O Joy, O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, O I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O love, O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
and in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.
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**WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP**

First Presbyterian Church
Worship October 6, 2024, World Communion Sunday
Welcome!

- **Prelude** *Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness* Busarow

- **Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations**

Call to Worship Winnie Findley, Liturgist

Leader: Come to the Lord, all you people!

All: We come, seeking God's healing love.

Leader: Make your hearts ready to discover God's power in your lives.

All: We open our hearts and spirits to receive God's loving gifts.

Leader: Please rise, as we join our voices in hymns of praise.

All: Alleluia, amen!

- **Hymn # 86** *We Come, O Christ, to You* (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

- **Time for Reconciliation**

Leader: In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus said:

All: "... There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

Leader: All of heaven celebrates when we accept God's invitation to return home.

All: We re-turn our hearts, souls, and minds back to God.

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** *O Love* By Elaine Hagenberg

- **Kids Time** Carol Jones from The Caring Bridge

- **Scripture Reading:** From various major movements of scripture: Law, Wisdom, Prophets, Gospels, Epistles, and other New Testament Writings:

- Deuteronomy 10:19: You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

- Leviticus 19:34: The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

- Psalm 146:9: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

- Zechariah 7:9-10: Thus says the Lord of hosts: Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another; do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.

- Matthew 25:35, 40: I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ...40 Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brethren you did it to me.

- Romans 12:13: Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

- Hebrews 13:1-3: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

- **Sermon:** **"When you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher fence." - unknown**

- Pastor Matt, Amalie Couvillion* and Ch'eedaih Zhee Kaii

- Amalie Couvillion will share about Catholic Social Services' Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS).

- Sam Johns/Ch'eedaih Zhee Kaii will speak about and perform some Alaska Native drumming.

- **Hymn # 436** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

- **Offering -**

- **Doxology**

- **The Lord's Supper**

- **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

- **Hymn # 772** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

