

- Offering -
- Doxology



- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
- "How is it with your soul?"

- Hymn # 729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* (in Glory to God – new purple hymnal)

- Benediction

- Postlude *Toccata* Boellman

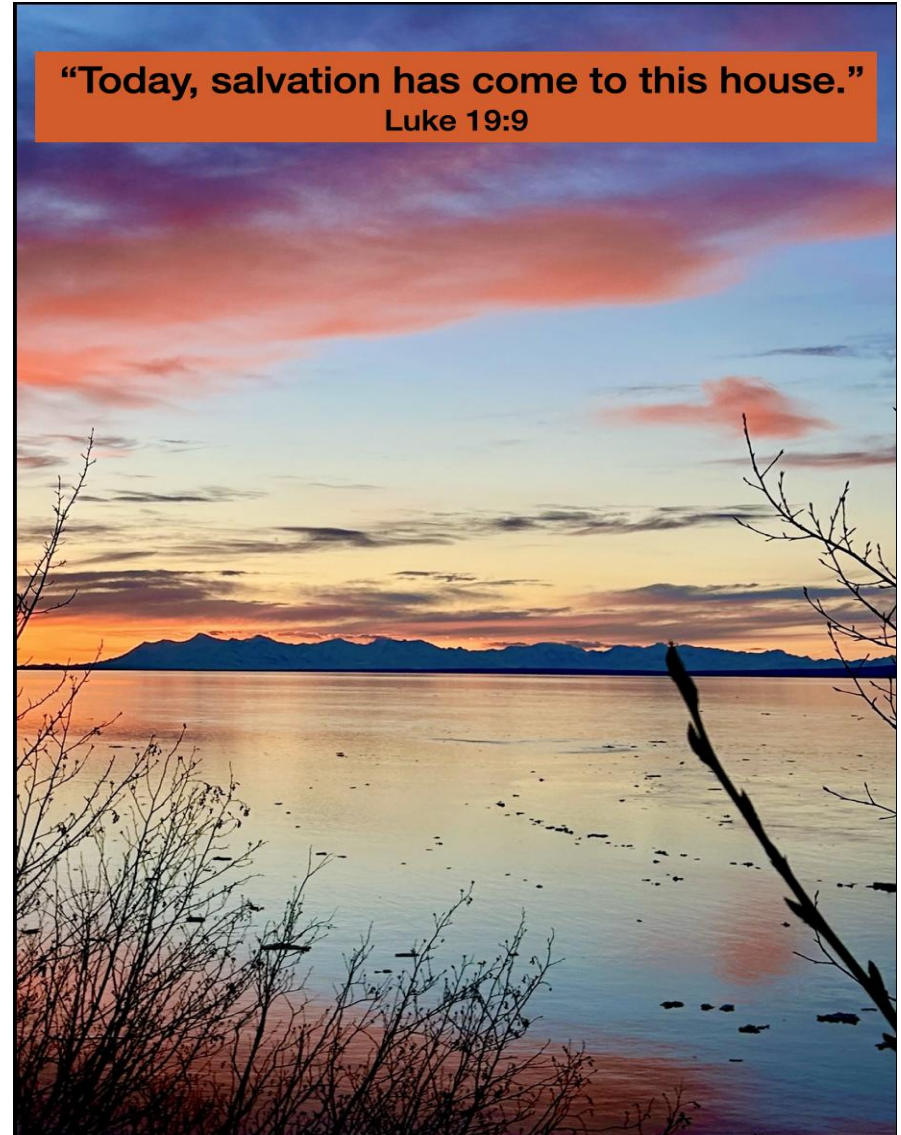
Lead On Softly, Lord
by Maxcine W. Posegate

Lead on softly, Lord; Lord, lead on.
Lead on softly, Lord; Lord, lead on.
In the unknown days to come, When I may be far from home,
Will you lead on softly, Lord, lead on.

I must follow through the darkness, Lord; Lord, lead on.
Follow through the darkness, Lord; lead on.
Light for only a step at a time, Feeling always Your hand on mine,
I must follow through the darkness; Lord, lead on.

I must keep my eyes upon You, Lord; Lord, lead on;
Keel my eyes upon You; Lord, lead on;
Though my eyes be blind with tears, When I cannot calm my fears,
I must keep my eyes upon You; Lord, lead on.

Lord, lead on softly, Lord, lead on; Lead on softly, Lord, lead on;
In the unknown days to come, When I may be far from home,
Will You lead on softly, Lord; Lead on.



**"Today, salvation has come to this house."
Luke 19:9**

**WELCOME TO FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

First Presbyterian Church
Worship March 30, 2025
Welcome!

- **Prelude** *O Rest in the Lord* Mendelssohn



- **Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations**

- **Call to Worship**, inspired by Luke 19: 1-10 (from “Waiting for Water: Liturgy for The Easter Journey”)

Leader: Let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!

All: Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!

Leader: Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.

All: Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.

Leader: Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!

All: Alleluia, Amen!

- **Hymn # 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (in Glory to God – new purple hymnal)

- **Time for Reconciliation**, inspired by Luke 18: 9-14 (from the Mennonite Church USA Archives)

Leader: Lord God in heaven, we confess that we try to measure our faithfulness by comparing ourselves with others.

All: Lord, have mercy on us as sinners.

Leader: Forgive us for when we fail to see your Spirit’s work in others, in those who have lived before us.

All: Lord, have mercy on us as sinners.

Leader: Forgive us for choosing comfort and convenience over faithfulness.

All: Lord, have mercy on us as sinners.

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:** *Lead On Softly, Lord*
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- **Kids’ Time**

- **Scripture Readings:**

Luke 18:9-14 - To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:

10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ 13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 19:1-10 - Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

- **Sermon:** **Life and Taxes**

- **Hymn # 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me* – Vs. 1, 2, 3, & 4 (in Glory to God – new purple hymnal)