

**First Presbyterian Church  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Worship Service  
May 9, 2021 – 10:15 AM**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**All: We will sing praises to the Lord with lyre and the sound of the horn.**

One: Let the sea roar and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**All: We will sing you a new song, O God, for the marvelous things you have done.**

One: Let us worship God!

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION:**

This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. I will forgive their evil deeds, and I will remember their sin no more. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God. (Jer. 31:33, 34).

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

One: The scripture says, "For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross." Friends, believe in the promise of the gospel: (Col. 1: 19 & 20)

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**THE 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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**GOSPEL:**

**John 15: 9-17**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**SERMON:** "Give Your Best Anyway"

**Rev. Rich Estrem-Fuller**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:**

**POSTLUDE:**