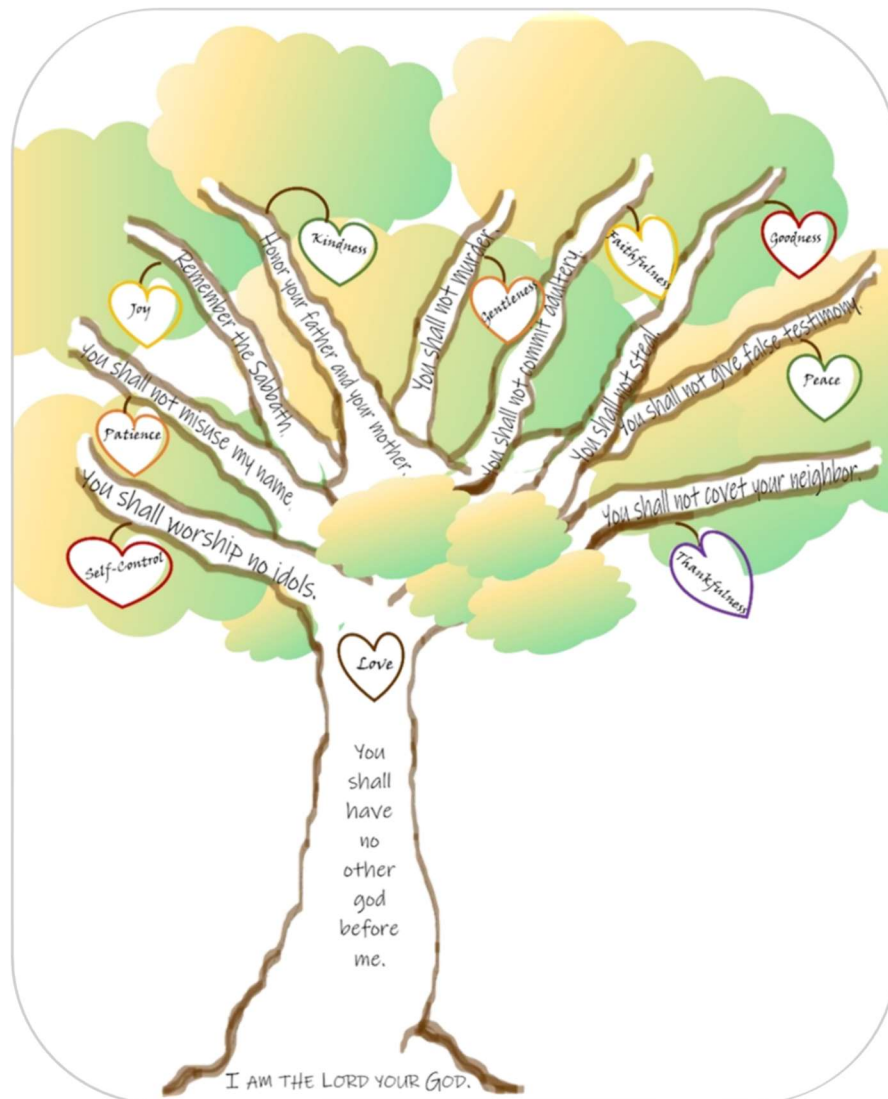


# First Presbyterian Church of Dryden

Established 1808



Sunday, September 10, 2023

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS,  
FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.

GALATIANS 5:22-23 ESV

PRELUDE "More Love to Thee" Ethel Rogers

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GATHERING PRAYER

✝ SONG OF PRAISE "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

by Martin Smith

✝ GATHERING SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:7-8

Call: Beloved, let us love one another.

**Response:** *Because love is from God.*

Call: Everyone who loves is born of God

**Response:** *and knows God.*

Call: Whoever does not love

**Response:** *does not know God,*

Call: for God is love.

**Response:** *Beloved, let us love one another.*

✝ HYMN OF ADORATION "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

#177

WELCOME FRIENDS AT HOME

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

KIDS' CLUB LESSON God's Team Brenda Carpenter

*Children (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to Kids' Club for age-appropriate lessons.*

CHORAL ANTHEM "Love Grows Here" by Don Besig

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 20:1-3 NRSV

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Cor 12:31-13:8a, 13:13 NRSV

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 12:28-31 NRSV

MESSAGE

Fruit of the Word:  
Love & the First Commandment

CHARGE

John 15:9-17

NRSV

GIVING OUR GIFTS

✝ DOXOLOGY

#625

✝ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

✝ HYMN OF DEDICATION

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

#284

✝ BLESSING

✝ CHORAL BENEDICTION

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again, v. 1  
by Jeremiah Rankin & William Tomer

✝ POSTLUDE

“Voluntary on Armstrong”

by Gerald Peterson

✝ All are invited to stand as they are able.

*We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,  
feed the hungry, welcome the stranger,  
and love our neighbors as ourselves.*

## Welcome to our Church!

Thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the pew rack. You can place the card in the offering plate. Let us know if we can assist you.

### Church Calendar

|               |                   |   |
|---------------|-------------------|---|
| Sun. Sep. 10  | <b>10:30 a.m.</b> | Worship/Kids Club                           |
|               | 11:30 a.m.        | Coffee Hour/Senior Citizen Sunday           |
| Mon. Sep. 11  | 11:00 a.m.        | Kitchen Cupboard                            |
|               |                   | Pastor Nancy out of the office              |
| Tues. Sep. 12 | 10:00 a.m.        | Quilters                                    |
|               | 11:00 a.m.        | Revelation Bible Study/library (*see below) |
|               |                   | Motions due/Session                         |
| Wed. Sep. 13  | 5:00 p.m.         | Kitchen Cupboard                            |
| Thur. Sep. 14 |                   | Reports due/Session                         |
| Fri. Sep. 15  | 11:00 a.m.        | Kitchen Cupboard                            |
| Sun. Sep. 17  | 10:30 a.m.        | Worship/Kids Club                           |
|               | 11:30 a.m.        | Fellowship meeting after church             |

### For Prayer

Dave Gross, Gretchen, Andy & Eamon Durand,  
Sarah Wilkins Kulas, Deidre Cross and Rhonda Haftman (Larry King's sister).

**WEB Snack for September:** Instant oatmeal packets

**Rummage sale** will be **October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you would be willing to help, please let Sue Bahny know or sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Planning Meeting: Sun. 10/8 after coffee hour  
Set-up: Tue. 10/10 (tbd)  
Donations: Wed. 10/11 9:00 a.m.– noon; Thur. 10/12 1:00–4:00 p.m.  
Sale: Fri/ 10/13, 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.  
Sat. 10/14, 9:00 a.m.- noon

**\*Revelation Bible Study** begins Tuesday, 9/12 at 11 am. (Newsletter says Wed which is no longer correct.) We will meet in the library and via Zoom.

### Sunday Servants

|                        |                |                     |                            |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Ushering:</u>       | The Carpenters | <u>AV System:</u>   | Tim & Dave Parsons         |
| <u>Music Director:</u> | Scott Miller   | <u>Flowers:</u>     | Flower Committee           |
| <u>Preacher:</u>       | Nancy Didway   | <u>Kids Church:</u> | Dan & Natalie<br>Carpenter |

*All for the glory of God.*

# I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Over the mountains and the sea Your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.  
I'm happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands,  
For I will always sing of  
When Your love came down, yeah.

I could sing,  
I could sing of Your love...forever.

Over the mountains and the sea Your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.  
I'm happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands,  
For I will always sing of  
When Your love came down, yeah.

I could sing of Your love forever. (4 times)

Oh I feel like dancing,  
It's foolishness I know.  
But when the world has seen the light,  
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now, yeah.

I could sing of Your love forever. (8 times)

Words and music by Martin Smith.  
© 1994, Curious? Music.  
Used by permission.

# What Wondrous Love Is This

## Verse 1:

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of Bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

## Verse 2:

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down.  
When I was sinking down, sinking down.  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

## Verse 3:

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the great "I Am,"  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

## Verse 4:

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And thro' eternity I'll sing on.

Text: American Folk Hymn

Music: *Wondrous Love*, William Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken

Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

# They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2:

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

Refrain

Verse 3:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:

Refrain

Verse 4:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Refrain