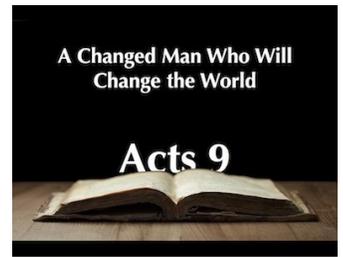




Sunday, May 24, 2020 Service – Online  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
Sierra Vista, Arizona



**PRELUDE**      *“Finlandia”* Sibelius      Organ/Piano Duet – Sharon Keene and Janis Wheat

**INTROIT**      *“Create In Me”* Heather Carter, Soloist      Richard Carter, Accompanist

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of mystery,

You called Ananias by name, and he responded,

**“Here I am.”**

You called Paul to the work of your Church, and he responded

**By giving his life to your Word.**

Similarly, you call us into community and faith,

**So we respond with love and time, energy and hope.**

**We respond with worship.**

Let us worship the God of transformation and grace.

**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**      *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* #366

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of Heav’n to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in Thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all Thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder; love, and praise.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life,

What would we give to have you appear with a flash of light and a clear voice like you did for Saul?

Maybe then, our doubts would disappear.

Maybe then, we would live as you called us to live.

However, when our lives depend on faith, we forget your surprising grace.

Instead, we draw lines around enemies and friends, who's in and who's out.

We see the "other," faster than we see our "neighbor," and refuse second chances.

Pull the scales from our eyes.

Help us see as you see. Help us live as you live, and forgive us when we fail to. Humbly we pray, Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of Jonah, God of Moses and Miriam, God of Peter and Paul and Mary,

You are here in the middle of the storm,

You abide in the times of wilderness

You stick with us even as we experience exile from our usual lives.

Even as we stumble along, you pick us up,

And call us into grace and tomorrow

For ourselves, each other and the whole world. **Amen.**

## CHILDRENS TIME

**Pastor Renée** "Unraveling is not always a bad thing"

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "He Touched Me" Fred Whitley, Soloist

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 9:1-20

**9** Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision<sup>a</sup> a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the

house. He laid his hands on Saul<sup>18</sup> and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**      **"Unraveled: Trusting Others Onto a New Path"**

**RESPONSE**    **Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed by 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.**

**CLOSING HYMN**      **"God of Grace and God of Glory" #307**

1..God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2..Lo! The hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3..Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4..Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

## **BENEDICTION**

### **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"May The God of Hope"* #765

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace;  
Singing, share our joy with all;  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

### **POSTLUDE** *"Praise Him With Pipes"* Logan

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