

Sunday, July 26, 2020 Service – Online Faith Presbyterian Church Sierra Vista, Arizona

Seeking God's Wisdom in the Bible 7



PRELUDE "Praise to the Living God" Sharon Keene, organist

INTROIT "I Believe in Jesus" Richard and Heather Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

All: to the rising of life itself.

One: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

All: the hand of God between us and each hand.
One: The pain of Christ between us and each love,
All: the love of Christ between us and each love.
One: Beloved of the waifs, beloved of the naked,

All: Draw us to the shelter-house of the savior of the poor.

OPENING HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" #620

1Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet your tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King. 2Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (responsively)

You keep us waiting, You, God of all time, Want us to wait for the right time In which to discover All: Who we are, Where we must go, Who will be with us and what we must do. So thank you for the waiting time.

You keep us looking....
You, the God all of all space

Want us to look
in the right and the wrong places
All: For signs of hope,
For people who are hopeless,
For visions of a better world
Which will appear among the disappointments
of the world we know.
So thank you for the looking time.

You keep us loving...
You, the God whose name is love,
Want us to be like you –
All: To love the loveless and the unloved
and the unlovely
to love without jealousy or design or threat;
and, most difficult of all,
to love ourselves.
So thank you for the loving time.

And in all this You keep us...
Through hard questions
with no easy answers,
Through failing where we hoped to succeed
And making an impact
When we though we were useless,

All: Through the patience and encouragement and love of others, And through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit You keep us.
So thank you for the keeping time.
And for now and forever, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, the God who loves all invites all to repent. We are invited to receive forgiveness to allow us to travel on another path, with more love, more courage, and a bigger vision. In Christ we pray, Amen.

CHILDRENS TIME All Things Bright and Beautiful Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC "Heaven Came Down" Cindy Hay, soloist

SCRIPTURE Psalm 103: 1-14 Contemporary English Version

103 With all my heart I praise the LORD, and with all that I am I praise his holy name! ² With all my heart I praise the LORD! I will never forget how kind he has been. ³The LORD forgives our sins, heals us when we are sick, and protects us from death. His kindness and love are a crown on our heads. ⁵ Each day that we live, [a] he provides for our needs and gives us the strength of a young eagle. ⁶ For all who are mistreated, the LORD brings justice. ⁷ He taught his Law to Moses and showed all Israel what he could do. ⁸The LORD is merciful! He is kind and patient, and his love never fails. ⁹The LORD won't always be angry and point out our sins;

- he doesn't punish us as our sins deserve.
- ¹¹ How great is God's love for all who worship him? Greater than the distance between heaven and earth!
- 12 How far has the LORD taken our sins from us? Farther than the distance from east to west!
- Just as parents are kind to their children,
 the LORD is kind to all who worship him,
 because he knows we are made of dust.
- All of you mighty angels, who obey God's commands, come and praise your LORD!
 All of you thousands who serve and obey God, come and praise your LORD!
 All of God's creation and all that he rules, come and praise your LORD!
 With all my heart I praise the LORD!

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Praising the Holy One"

Part 7 of Seeking God's Wisdom in the Bible

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 "We are One in the Spirit" #300

1We 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)

2We 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)

3We 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 human dignity And save human pride: (refrain) 4All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (refrain)

(Refrain) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, family all are we,

Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my joyous vow:

To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

POSTLUDE "The Church Triumphant" Gaither Sharon Keene, piano

Liturgy adapted from A Wee Worship Book, Fifth Incarnation, Wild Good Publications, 2015

Participants:

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