



**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**July 12th, 2020- Online**  
Seeking God's Wisdom in the Bible 5

**PRELUDE**      *"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, with Bizet's March of the Three Kings"*  
Janis Wheat, pianist

**INTROIT**      *"I Belong to a Mighty God"*    Heather Carter, soloist    Richard Carter, accompanist

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

**For God loves us just as we are.**

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

**For all of us is welcome here—**

**scars and fears,**

**depression and doubt,**

**hope and joy,**

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself.

**For God longs to be with us, so let us worship the God of love.**

**OPENING HYMN**                      *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*      #20

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors;  
God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)**

**3 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them everyone. (Refrain)**

**4 God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. (Refrain)**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God,

We admit that there are things we sweep under the rug—

**Shame, self-doubt, mental health struggles, and our own insecurities.**

We know that is not what you want for us,

**For Jesus loved the healthy and the sick parts of everyone.**

With Jesus, there was no stigma, fear, or bias.

**God of creation, help us to love and live in the same way.**

Forgive us when we hate ourselves or distance ourselves from others,  
simply for being human.

**You long for better, and we long for you. Gratefully we pray, 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**      The Lord God Made Us All      Heather Carter

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *“Til the Storm Passes By”*      George Van Otten, soloist

**SCRIPTURE**      Mark 5: 1-20 (NRSV)

5 Jesus and his disciples came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes.<sup>[a]</sup> 2 And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. 3 He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him anymore, even with a chain; 4 for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains, he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. 6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; 7 and he shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” 8 For he had said to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” 9 Then Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion; for we are many.” 10 He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. 11 Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; 12 and the unclean spirits<sup>[c]</sup> begged him, “Send us into the swine; let us enter them.” 13 So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

14 The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. 15 They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. 16 Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. 17 Then they began to beg Jesus<sup>[d]</sup> to leave their neighborhood. 18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. 19 But Jesus<sup>[e]</sup> refused, and said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.” 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

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

**SERMON**

**“Recovering Our Minds”**  
*Part 5 of Seeking God’s Wisdom in the Bible*

**RESPONSE**

Psalm 42:1-8 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
so my soul longs for you, O God.  
<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and behold  
the face of God?  
<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while people say to me continually,  
“Where is your God?”  
<sup>4</sup> These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng,<sup>[a]</sup>  
and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,  
a multitude keeping festival.  
<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help <sup>6</sup> and my God.  
My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.  
<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep  
at the thunder of your cataracts;  
all your waves and your billows  
have gone over me.  
<sup>8</sup> By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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

**CLOSING HYMN**

*"We Shall Overcome"*

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1 We shall overcome; we shall overcome; we shall overcome someday. (Refrain)

3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace; we shall live in peace someday. (Refrain)

4 We are not afraid; we are not afraid; we are not afraid today. (Refrain)

Refrain: O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

**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 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**

*"Great Is the Lord"*

Smith Sharon Keene, piano

**Participants:**

Minister:	Pastor Renee Rico
Worship Leader:	Paul Lewis
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Special Music:	George Van Otten
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