



Sunday, September 6, 2020 Service – Online

Faith Presbyterian Church

Sierra Vista, Arizona



PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” - arr. Young - Janis Wheat

INTROIT “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel his mighty power and his grace
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings, I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

All: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

One: Thankful is the song we sing this day!

All: For this day moves us past darkness and despair:

One: Hopeful is the prayer on our lips!

All: For this day awakens in us a long-awaited new life.

One: Jesus told us: “where two or more of you are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.”

OPENING HYMN “God of Grace” #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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, you are the potter and we are the clay. We confess we are people in need of divine grace. When our stubborn streak appears, reshape us. When our actions and thoughts lack mercy and kindness, remake us. When we fail to see our own imperfections and are quick to point out those imperfections in others, rework us. When we lose our tempers and no longer experience a sense of your divine mirth, restore us. Melt us, mold us into the image of your son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Time of Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins, past, present and future, in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. In the mighty name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven!

Glory be to God. Amen!

CHILDRENS TIME - The Carter's

SPECIAL MUSIC "Amazing Grace" - arr. Coates - Dave Rockwell, Soloist

Old Testament Scripture - Isaiah 26: 9-11

New Revised Standard Version

My soul yearns for you in the night,
my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.
For when your judgments are in the earth,
the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.
¹⁰ If favor is shown to the wicked,
they do not learn righteousness;
in the land of uprightness they deal perversely
and do not see the majesty of the Lord.
¹¹ O Lord, your hand is lifted up,
but they do not see it.
Let them see your zeal for your people, and be ashamed.
Let the fire for your adversaries consume them.

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

New Testament Scripture – Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON ***“Grace: An Amazing Thing”*** - **Elder Dave Rockwell**

RESPONSE - APOSTLES 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 rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall 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.

DOXOLOGY (Traditional) #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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 ***“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*** #547

- 1. Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing – my own are my own.**
- 2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw His glory,
Go my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**

3. **Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

BENEDICTION

(From Retired U.S. Senate Chaplain Richard C. Halverson)

We go nowhere by accident. Wherever we go, God is sending us. Wherever we are God has put us there. God has a purpose for putting us there. Christ, who indwells in us has something he wants us to do through wherever we are. Believe this, and go in His grace, love and power. Our mission field is both within these sanctuary walls and throughout the community and world. God in peace. Amen.

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, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now.
With every step I take let this be my solemn 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

"Postlude in F Major, No. 15 - Proehl - Janis Wheat

PARTICIPANTS:

Elder Dave Rockwell - Preacher
Jane Bourne - Worship Leader
Elders Heather & Richard Carter - Introit and Children's Time
Sharon Keene & Janis Wheat - Musicians
Elder Paul Hay - Video/Tech
Elder Judy Mayhew - Photos

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Happens at 11:15 a.m.

Sign into ZOOM, and we'll place you in a small, Hosted group to have conversation with Faith folks to catch up and for conversation. Join Zoom Meeting :

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