



Sunday, October 18, 2020 – Online Service  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
Sierra Vista, AZ  
*On Earth as in Heaven: God's Call for Justice 2*



PRELUDE *"Meditation"* - Massenet

INTROIT *"Grace Alone #2"* Heather and Richard Carter

### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Listen! God is calling us by name,

**All: To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.**

One: Listen! God is calling us by name,

**All: To follow Jesus, to become last of all and servant of all.**

One: Listen! God is calling us by name,

**All: To love the Lord your God, and to love your neighbor as yourself.**

One: Listen! God is calling us by name,

**All: God is calling each of us into this time of worship,  
to pray and listen for the call of God.**

OPENING HYMN *"Gather Us In"* #401

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:  
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**Creator God, we confess that at times we think we deserve more, that we are more important than others, that we know better than others. Forgive us of our arrogance. We think we own no one nothing, but we owe You everything. We think as long as we don't hurt others intentionally, we have done enough, when we have not seen our own privilege, and how our unintentional words and actions can cause harm. Forgive us of our short-sightedness. Remind us that we are called to owe one another love, and that love calls us to see the injustice our neighbors face, and calls us to take responsibility, both for our intended and unintended consequences of our words and actions. Call us into Your ways of love, justice, and reconciliation. In the name of Christ, who reconciles all of us to You, we pray. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: God's love is in you. God's love is working through you.  
God's love is flowing from you to others  
in every act of kindness,  
in every act of justice,  
in every act of mercy.

Be filled with God's love, and know you are forgiven, loved, and restored.

**All: Let us go now to forgive, love, and restore. Amen.**

**CHILDRENS TIME** "King David" The Carters

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "On the Wings of a Dove" George Van Otten, Soloist

**SCRIPTURE – THE PROPHETS** Psalm 96: 1-7

- <sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Honor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

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

## SCRIPTURE - GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 15-22

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup> They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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## SERMON

**"Empire vs. God: Who will you serve?"**  
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## RESPONSE

### The 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 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

**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** “*Take My Life and Let It Be*” #697 (Verses 1, 2, 6)

**1**Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

**2**Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be

**6**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “*In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful*” #654 (sing twice)

*In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.  
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.*

**POSTLUDE** “*Christ Arose*” Lowry

*Liturgy created/adapted by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, rev-o-lution.org*

**PARTICIPANTS:**

The Reverend Renée Rico – Preacher  
Ann Lorris – Worship Leader  
Elders Heather & Richard Carter – Introit and Children’s Time  
Sharon Keene & Janis Wheat – Musicians  
Elder George Van Otten - Special Music  
Elder Paul Hay – Video/Tech  
Elder Judy Mayhew – Photos

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

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Holy One, in your love and mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Spark of Life,  
creation was envisioned by you and is sustained by you;  
in gratitude we pray for the world:  
that its riches and resources be used responsibly and fairly;  
that its rulers and leaders may govern with justice, compassion and humility;  
that humankind may live with understanding and respect,  
noticing what unites us;  
In your love and mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Prophet of Love,  
you lived among us to teach us – to show us – how to love;  
in humility we pray for siblings around the globe:  
for those dehumanized by their struggle for existence, may we listen;  
for those overshadowed by the constancy of death, may we notice;  
for those besieged by fear, anger and relentless peril, may we show up;  
for those ensnared by systems beyond their control, may we demand change.  
**In your love and mercy, hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Breath of Being,  
you are here – in this very moment – as constant presence and insistent voice;  
in gratitude we pray...with boldness we pray:  
inundate the world with humanity,  
overwhelm the world with truth,  
flood the world with kindness,  
upset our indifference,  
accelerate our action,  
fortify our resolve,  
compel us to authentic discipleship  
that nurtures creation, embodies love and breathes life.  
In your love and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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