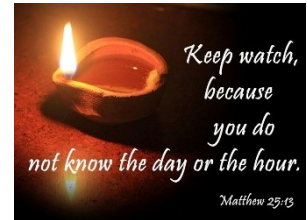




Sunday, November 8th, 2020 Service –Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ
On Earth as in Heaven: God's Call for Justice 5



PRELUDE *“Armed Forces Medley”* - Traditional

INTROIT *“Seek Ye First”* - Paul Lewis, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Our songs and praises are meaningless,

Unless we live out their meaning in our lives.

Our celebrations and worship are empty,

Unless we live our lives as an act of worship to God.

Worship is not about this hour alone;

Worship is how we live our lives for God.

Come, enter this time of worship to praise God,

And leave this place continuing to worship God in our daily life.

OPENING HYMN *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”* #353 Verses 1, 2 and 4

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.*

Refrain:

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.*

Refrain:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess O God that we have had other gods before you. We have worshiped our own image; how we look to other people. We have sought worldly idols of success and wealth. We have followed the commandments of the world to put ourselves first and to help others only if it benefits us. Forgive us for following the false idols of the world, O God. Forgive us for worshiping our own image. Forgive us for not coming before You in humility, knowing that we have done wrong. Help us to repent, to turn away from the ways of the world, and to seek You and Your ways. In the name of Christ, who will come again into our lives and into our world in a new way, we pray. Amen.

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

God's steadfast love endures forever.

There is no place we can go where God's love cannot find us.

There is nothing we can do that God's love cannot redeem us.

God's love is eternal, so surrender yourself to God.

God's faithfulness endures forever, so give yourself up to God.

Know God's love, and go and love others. **Amen.**

CHILDRENS TIME - Debbie Wood

SPECIAL MUSIC - "Blessings" - Story Beth Smith, soloist

SCRIPTURE – THE PROPHETS Amos 5: 18-24

¹⁸ Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹ as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

SCRIPTURE - GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy

some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Taking Action for Justice”

On Earth as in Heaven: God’s Call for Justice, Part 5

RESPONSE

From A Brief statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church, USA

**In life and in death we belong to God.
through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! 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, 4 and 6

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in cease-less praise;
Let them flow in cease-less praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose,
Every power as thou shalt choose.**

**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 - "Give Thanks" #647

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say, "We are strong;"
Let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.**

POSTLUDE - "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Dykes

Participants:

The Reverend Renée Rico – Preacher
Elder Bill Brouwer – Worship Leader
Paul Lewis – Introit
Elder Beth Smith – Special Music
Elder Debbie Wood – Children's Time
Janis Wheat – Piano and Organ
Elder Paul Hay – Video/Tech
Elder Judy Mayhew – Photo

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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