



Sunday, January 24, 2021 Service Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
Part 3: Seeking After God



PRELUDE "An Offering" - Southbridge (To honor our Deacons and Elders)

*Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless thou the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in thy hand.*

~Longfellow

INTROIT "We Bow Down"

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: God called to Jonah, and he turned.
**Many: Jesus called the fishers by the sea,
and they followed.**
One: God calls on us to repent - to turn our lives
Let us respond to God's call.
All: Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN "Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven" #620 Verses 1 and 2

***"Praise, 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.***

***Praise 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 CONFESSION (responsively)

One: *When we try to ward off your call to proclaim
the kingdom's good news
to those we would never welcome into our tight circle,
you remind us that we can never set boundaries on how far
your mercy, your love, your hope,
will extend, God of persistence.*

**All: *Looking at your watch, you announce, 'it is time,'
opening your arms to welcome all the outlanders we build fences
to keep out of our lives, opening your heart to draw
all the odd ones out into the safe shelter of your heart, Calling Jesus.***

One: *Each morning,
you break your fast with those*

*for whom we have no place at our tables;
each day, you set out to meet those
who stand at the edge of our narrow-mindedness,
to show them the path home;
each evening, you take our foolish fears and
gently blow them away from our hearts, Companion of Grace.*

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the hope of God: we have a future.
In the grace of God we have forgiveness.
In the love of God we have today.
Thanks be to God, **Amen.**

CHILDRENS TIME – Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Here I Am Lord”* Faith Presbyterian Choir

SCRIPTURE – The Prophets *“The Story of Jonah”*

A Lighthearted rhyming version of the book

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

SERMON **“Re-Turning to God”**

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 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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Elders ordained and installed: Joy Church and Sharon Townsend

Elders installed: Beth Smith and Ruth Van Otten

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 *"God of the Sparrow"* #22 verses 4, 5, 6

*God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life*

*How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace*

*God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook*

*God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home*

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"Shine Jesus Shine"* #192

*Shine Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

POSTLUDE *"Praise Him! Praise Him!"* Allen

Participants:

Rev. Renée Rico – Pastor
Elder Gene Raymond – Worship Leader
Elder Richard Carter - 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 :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85471968282?pwd=WnNpVXM1QndXTWdNNXN1QzNtNXFTUT09>

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