



Sunday, January 31, 2021 Service Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
Part 4: Seeking After God



PRELUDE "Communion Aria" - Ritter

INTROIT "Be Still" - Heather and Richard Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Jesus calls us.

All: We recognize the voice of our teacher.

One: Jesus calls with a renewed message.

All: We are straining our ears for this good news.

One: Jesus calls a new realm into being.

All: We hear the call with hope and anticipation.

One: Jesus calls to a new way of life.

All: We will answer the call, we will follow.

OPENING HYMN "Blessed Assurance" #839 Vs 1 and 2

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

*This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

*This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God, sometimes we live with troubled spirits.

We are disturbed by grief or guilt, shame or restlessness.

Sometimes we live with hurt spirits,

in pain from physical or mental illness, relationship heartaches, betrayal,
disappointment.

Sometimes we live with faltering spirits,
overcome with worry, fear, doubt, uncertainty.

Sometimes we live with spirits that keep us isolated
because we are misunderstood, or unable to communicate or interact.

We bring our spirits to you, whatever they are like today,
because you ask us to. Amen.

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When our spirits are troubled, God brings us peace.
When our spirits are hurting, God is our source of healing.
When our spirits falter, God gives us strength to carry on.
When our spirits alienate us from others, God reconciles us to community.
In God who is peace and healing, strength and reconciling love, we trust.
Amen.

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Heather Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC – “Meditation in the Rain” - Brown Rebekah Carter West, Piano

SCRIPTURE – The Psalms Psalm 111

Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.
⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it^[a] have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

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

SCRIPTURE – The Gospels Mark 1:21-27

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And

the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Possessed by Who?"

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 true 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.**

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

OUR NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE:

Joy Church, Mario Gonzales, Cindy Hay

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.***

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please have something to eat and drink.

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

"I Danced in the Morning"

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*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.*

*Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on.*

*I danced on the Sabbath, and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die.*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.*

*They cut me down, and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.*

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 - *"A Morning Trumpeting"* - Ritter

Participants:

Rev. Renée Rico – Pastor
Elder Joy Church – Worship Leader
Elder Richard Carter and Elder Heather Carter - Introit
Elder Richard Carter –Children’s Time
Rebekah Carter West – Special Music
Janis Wheat – Piano and Organ
Elder Paul Hay – Video-Tech
Elder Judy Mayhew – Photo

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

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