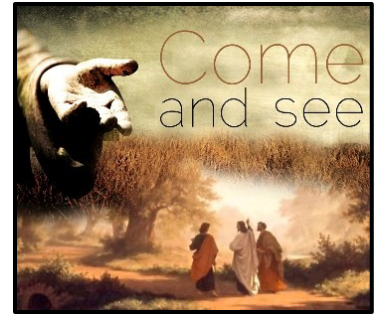




Sunday, January 17, 2021 Service Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
Part 2: Seeking After God



PRELUDE *“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling”* - arr. Stockton

INTROIT *“Together We Serve”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come in this service to God,

People: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

Leader: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus

People: and who walks with us the road of our world’s suffering.

Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts.

People: We come knowing that God has promised never to turn away.

OPENING HYMN *“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”* #291

*Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.*

*Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”*

*You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*

*You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.*

*You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes;
with bold new decisions your people arise.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

It doesn't matter how far we go to run from you, God-who-calls-us:
you reach out and touch us with healing in your hands,
and turn us around so we can follow you home.

**It doesn't matter how suspicious we are of you, God-who-invites-us-to-follow:
you remove our fears with your compassion,
you take away our doubts with complete acceptance of who we are.**

**It doesn't matter how often we ignore your words, God-who-speaks-to-us:
you whisper to us until our ears tingle with anticipation and we listen
with eager hope. Amen.**

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not fear, says the Lord,
for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

Isa. 43:1, 19

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

CHILDRENS TIME – Elder Heather Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - *"Thy Word"* - Smith and Grant Elder Beth Smith, Soloist

SCRIPTURE – The Psalms Psalm 139: 1-6

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

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

SCRIPTURE – The Gospels John 1:35-42

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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SERMON **“Come and See”**

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.

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 **“Will You Come and Follow Me”** #726 Vs 1, 2 and 4

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

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 - *“The Master Has Called Us”* - arr. Peterson

PARTICIPANTS:

Rev. Renée Rico - Pastor

Jesse Cordova - Worship Leader

Elder Beth Smith – Special Music

Elder Heather Carter – Children’s Time

Janis Wheat – Piano and Organ

Elder Paul Hay – Video-Tech

Elder Judy Mayhew – Photo

NO ZOOM COFFEE HOUR. CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IN THE PARKING LOT AT 11:00 AM.