



Sunday, February 7, 2021 Service Online  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
Part 4: Seeking After God



**PRELUDE**     *“As the Deer”* - Nystrom

**INTROIT**     *“This is the Day”*     Fred Whitley and George Wheat, Duet

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

We gather to worship God,  
whose creative imagination never fails:

**For the sake of God, we will search for the outcasts.**

We gather to praise our God,  
whose steadfast love never weakens:

**For the sake of Jesus, we will lift up all who have fallen.**

We gather to offer our best to God,  
who walks with us through eternity:

**For the sake of the Holy Spirit, we will walk with the weary.**

**OPENING HYMN**     *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*                     #20

**Refrain:** *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.*

*The purple headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky:*

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.*

*God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty; who has made all things well.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

We cannot hide from you, Everlasting God, even if we were to go from one edge of creation to the next. you speak to us of compassion, but the ways in which we treat others show we have not been listening. You explain your hopes to us, and we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast, and as far, from you as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus.

Yet you search for us in all the deserted places we flee to, Never-wearied God, so you can take us by the hand to show us the way to life with you. You heal our broken hearts so we can offer them to others. You fill us with your strength so we can bind ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, following him to serve all of your children.

*(time for silent reflection)*

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

Friends, God never tires out, nor is there is an expiration date on God's forgiveness. God is ever with us, healing us with mercy, and strengthening us for service.

**If God numbers the stars, surely our names are known  
by the One who loves us and offers us grace. This is indeed good news for all!  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**CHILDRENS TIME** - Elder Richard Carter

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - *"His Eye is on the Sparrow"* – Gabriel Cindy Hay, soloist

**SCRIPTURE – The Torah** Genesis 1:31-2:3

<sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

**SCRIPTURE – The Gospels** Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they<sup>a</sup> left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup> He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup> He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**SERMON** "Sabbath in a Time of COVID"

**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    "God of the Sparrow"                    #22            Verses 1, 2 and 3**

*God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise.*

*How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save.*

*God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast*

*God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks.*

**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    "March in F Major" - Stickle**

## **Participants:**

Rev. Renée Rico – Pastor  
Elder Ann Lorris – Worship Leader  
Elder Fred Whitley and Elder George Wheat - Introit  
Elder Richard Carter –Children’s Time  
Cindy Hay – Special Music  
Janis Wheat – Piano and Organ  
Elder Paul Hay – Video-Tech  
Elder Judy Mayhew, Elder Bill Brouwer, Janis Wheat – Photos

## **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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