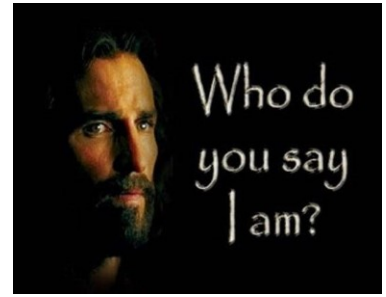




Sunday, February 28, 2021 Service Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, Arizona
That the World Might be Saved 2



PRELUDE - "Supplication" - Ferber

INTROIT - "As We Gather" - Choir Members

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

All: And so we come to follow Jesus.

One: Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."

All: And so we come to dwell in the light.

One: Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."

All: And so we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.

OPENING HYMN "Gather Us In" #401 Verses 1, 2, and 4

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Listening God,
Take what is closed in us and open it.
Take what is distracted in us and settle it.
Take what is hurting in us and hold it.
Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you.
For we are like Peter, O God.
We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see.
And we almost always speak sooner than we listen.
So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us.
We long to hear you more clearly. We long to know you more fully.
With hope we pray, and with gratitude we confess. Amen.

(time for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

One: Siblings in Christ,
We confess with gratitude because we know that God already has heard and forgiven us.
No matter what we have done or left undone, we are held in God's hands.
So rest in this good news:

**All: God invites us in and meets us where we are!
God hears our prayers and forgives us!
Thanks be to God, amen.**

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - "A Living Prayer" Block Heather and Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE – The Psalms

Psalm 22:23-31

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.

²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you^a I will fulfill my vows.

²⁶ The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,

²⁸ for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹ They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

*Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.***

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.***

SERMON **"God Saves by Sacrifice and Inviting Us to Follow"**

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 Verses 1, 2 and 5

***“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?”***

***Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.***

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” #471

***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.***

***The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise;
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.***

POSTLUDE - “To Walk in Faith” Paxton

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Elder Jane Bourne – Worship Leader
Elder Richard Carter – Children’s Time
Elders Richard and Heather Carter – Special Music
Janis Wheat – Piano and Organ
Elder Paul Hay – Video-Tech
Elder Judy Mayhew - Photos

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