



Sunday, March 21, 2021 Service Online  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
Sierra Vista, Arizona  
*That the World Might be Saved 5*



**PRELUDE**    *“God So Loved the World”* - Koerts

**INTROIT**    *“Precious Memories”* Choir Members – Honoring memories of Pastor Virginia

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

One: Every week is a new week, another chance to say:

**All: “Here I am. Use me.”**

One: Every day is a new day, another chance to say:

**All: “Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow.”**

One: Every hour is a new hour, another chance to say,

**All: “Again and again, make me new.”**

One: We do not gather from near and far to stay the same.

**All: We come to worship to be changed.**

One: So let us worship holy God,  
Who created yesterday, will create tomorrow,  
and even now is creating something new.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**    *“We Gather Together”* #336

*We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Gracious God, we want to see you. We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus; but not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts. Why do we feel so far away from that at times? What went wrong? Where did we lose our way? Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile hearts? We would be so grateful. Amen.

*(time for silent reflection)*

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

One: Friends, despite our wonderings,  
Despite our distractions,  
Despite wrong turns time and time again,  
We are known and loved by God.  
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: Our fragile bones are held by the Great Creator.  
Our fragile hearts are loved by the Great Creator.  
Our tender spirits are forgiven by the Great Creator.**

One: Today is a new day.

**All: Again and again, we are forgiven; Again and again, we are reformed.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**CHILDRENS TIME** - Elder Heather Carter

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** – One Great Hour of Sharing

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “*At Your Mercy Seat*” - arr. Goss - In honor of Pastor Virginia

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE – The Prophets**                      Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,<sup>[a]</sup> says the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

**SCRIPTURE – The Gospels**                      John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was

thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people<sup>[a]</sup> to myself." <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

**SERMON**                    ***"God Saves by Claiming Us as God's Own"***

**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**    ***"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*** #721

This hymn was very special to Pastor Virginia

***Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only ask me to follow humbly.***

**Refrain:            *O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.***

***You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
you will find there my nets and labor.***

***Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.***

***You need my hand, full of caring,  
through my labors to give others rest  
and constant love that keeps on loving.***

***Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.***

***You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me:***

***Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.  
By your side I will seek other seas.***

## **BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE      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      "Pure and Holy, Offered in Sacrifice" - Pachelbel**

**Participants:**

Rev. Renée Rico – Pastor  
Bianca Garcia – Worship Leader  
Elder Heather Carter – Children’s Time  
Janis Wheat – Piano and Organ  
Elder Paul Hay – Video-Tech  
Elder Judy Mayhew - Photos

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

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