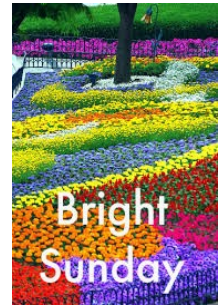




Sunday, April 11, 2021 Service Online
Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ
Bright Sunday



PRELUDE *“Alleluia”* - Traditional
Organ/Piano Duet – Sharon Keene & Janis Wheat recorded March 2020

INTROIT *“This is the Day”* (Choir Members)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

All: Sing of God’s glorious name, glorify him with your praise!

One: Everything on earth will worship you;
they will sing your praises, shouting your name in glorious songs.

**All: Come and see what our God has done,
what awesome miracles he has done for us!**

One: Let the whole world bless our God and sing his praise.
Our lives are in his hands, and he keeps our feet from stumbling.

OPENING HYMN *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”* #240

Refrain: *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.*

Refrain

*Spread the good news o’er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.*

Refrain

*We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.*

Refrain

*Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.*

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**You know better than we do, Amused God,
what important people we believe we are.
Believing we have to be serious all the time,
we miss out on the joy of your creation.
Choosing to feast on the pain of the world,
we skip the picnic offered in paradise.
Clinging to the despair which is our best friend,
we ignore Jesus.
who can bring us home to your heart.**

**Forgive us, Heart of Joy,
and make us open to the startling, and upside-down, ways
in which you work.
Fill us with Easter's laughter;
fill us with your healing joy;
fill us with the love poured into us
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

One: The Gospels tell us over and over again of the joy which comes to us through Christ. When Jesus was around, lives were changed, the sick were healed, the sorrowful began to laugh with joy. The good news is that this joy is now given to us.

All: Through the Holy Spirit, we are gifted with joy. We are sent forth to bring good news to the oppressed, to bring healing to the broken, to anoint everyone with the oil of gladness. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC *"How Marvelous Are the Works"* - Angerman and Martin (Choir Members)

SCRIPTURE – The Prophets

Isaiah 55:12-13

¹² For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

SCRIPTURE – The Gospels

John 15: 7-14

⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.

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

SERMON

"Abundant Joy!"

Elder Dave Rockwell

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

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! #248

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

***Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.***

***Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!***

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "You Shall Go Out with Joy" #80

***You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.***

***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands: **
the trees of the field will clap their hands; **
the trees of the field will clap their hands **
while you go out with joy.***

** clap hands

POSTLUDE "Symphony No. 9 Finale: Ode to Joy" - Beethoven

Liturgy from John Shuman Lectionaryliturgies.org

PARTICIPANTS:

Elder Dave Rockwell - Guest Speaker
Elder Bill Akins - Worship Leader
Elder Richard 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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