



Faith Presbyterian Church

Sierra Vista, AZ

May 30, 2021

Elder Dave Rockwell, Guest Speaker
Elder Bill Brouwer, Worship Leader
Janis Wheat, Organ/Piano
Elder Paul Hay, Video-Tech



PRELUDE *Prelude on "Italian Hymn" - Broughton*

GREETING **LEADER:** This is the day that the Lord has made!

PEOPLE: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

INTROIT *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness.**

Leader: Come into His presence with singing and the lyre and harp.

People: **Know that the Lord is God.**

Leader: It is He who made us, and we are His.

People: **We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and joy.

People: **And His courts with praise.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN: *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" #1*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God, when we think of all the different people with whom Jesus ate, we discover they were not much different from us. Sometimes they were afraid of the unknown. Sometimes they needed to appear to be powerful and in control. But other times, they just needed to be loved and cherished. They were not at all much different than us. Then sometimes they messed up and needed to be forgiven. There were times they hurt others and had no idea the pain they caused. What we do know today is that your table is wide enough and big enough to accommodate all of us; just as we are! Help us to show the same love and grace to others as we continue to seek to follow the way of Jesus; loving one another; forgiving one another; enjoying one another! This and all things we pray in His name. AMEN

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (UNISON)

For we who placed our trust in Jesus the Christ as our Lord and Savior, our sins are forgiven, and salvation is ours forever. Be assured, brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus paid the ultimate price for you and me, and that nothing we could do would bring about our salvation. It is only by His grace and our faith in that grace that we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! AMEN

GLORIA PATRI:

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S TIME Elder Heather Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC "Holy is He" arr. Clydesdale (choir members)

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 1: 27-33

²⁷ you grumbled in your tents and said, "It is because the LORD hates us that he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to hand us over to the Amorites to destroy us. ²⁸ Where are we headed? Our kindred have made our hearts melt by reporting, 'The people are stronger and taller than we; the cities are large and fortified up to heaven! We actually saw there the offspring of the Anakim!'" ²⁹ I said to you, "Have no dread or fear of them. ³⁰ The LORD your God, who goes before you, is the one who will fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your very eyes, ³¹ and in the wilderness, where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you traveled until you reached this place. ³² But in spite of this, you have no trust in the LORD your God, ³³ who goes before

you on the way to seek out a place for you to camp, in fire by night, and in the cloud by day, to show you the route you should take.”

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

SERMON “Fear or Faith: It’s A Choice”

OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. He was crucified for us by Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and to life in the world to come. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
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Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who are in Heaven, hallowed be They 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Desiderata” - Ehrmann (Dave Rockwell, recitation)

(Underscoring: Improvisation on “Balm in Gilead” – arr. Martin)

BENEDICTION

(From Retired U.S. Senate Chaplain Richard Halvorson)

We go nowhere by accident. Wherever we go, God is sending us. Wherever we are God has put us there. God has purpose for putting us there. Christ, who indwells in us has something he wants us to do through wherever we are. Believe this, church, and go in grace, love and power.

Go in peace. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“King of Kings” (Sing three times)

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

“Finlandia” - Sibelius

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CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 6

The Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 6th following worship for the purpose of electing the Pastor Nominating Committee. The Church Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominations to the congregation. Active members of the congregation are entitled to vote.

What does a Pastor Nominating Committee do? This elected group acts on behalf of the congregation to search for a candidate to become the next pastor of the congregation. They will bring one candidate for the congregation to consider and the congregation decides whether to elect and call that candidate.