



Faith Presbyterian Church

Sierra Vista, AZ

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PRELUDE *“Crown Him with Many Crowns” and “Rejoice, the Lord is King” with
Clarke’s “Trumpet Voluntary” - arr Ham*

GREETING One: This is the day that the Lord has made!
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT *“Feed Us Lord”*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day.

All: to the rising of this life itself.

One: Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

All: the hand of God between us and each hand.

One: The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

All: the love of Christ between us and each love.

One: Beloved of the lost and those who have nothing,

All: draw us into your shelter and to your table.

OPENING HYMN *“Come, Christians Join to Sing”*

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*Come Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing for evermore: Alleluia! Amen!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

One: From before the world began and after the end of eternity, you are God.
From the sea bursting from its womb to the wind ceasing from its chase,
you are God.
In the vastness of the universe and the forgotten corners of our hearts,
you are God.

All: You are our God, and we bless you.

Please say at the indicated points by the leader, "We need you, God."

(silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

One: Listen, for the God who created us says,
"Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name: you are mine.

**All: Maker of all, this day we will walk by your light,
Follow your son,
And live by your Spirit. Amen.**

CHILDRENS TIME Elder Heather Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Great Thou Art" - arr Lojeski (Choir Members)

SCRIPTURE – The Psalms

Psalm 139: 1-12

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
³You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
⁷Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

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

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying[Ⓜ] with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with[Ⓜ] the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

SERMON**"Where Does God Live?"****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.***

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #268 Verses 1, 2 and 4

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

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.***

***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.***

** clap hands

POSTLUDE “Recessional” - Stickle

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