



## Faith Presbyterian Church

Sierra Vista, AZ

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Rev. Renée Rico, Pastor

Elder Bill Akins, Worship Leader

Rose Marie Dokken, Guest Organist/Pianist

Elder Paul Hay, Video-Tech



### PRELUDE

*Medley of Hymns and Gospel music*

### GREETING

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

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

### INTROIT

*"We Remember You"*

### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: The heavens are telling the glory of the God,

All creation speaks volumes of God's handiwork.

**All: Each sunrise proclaims God's faithfulness and the night reveals the Creator's awe.**

One: Without a word being spoken, all creation bears witness to the goodness of God.

**All: So, too, may we join in witness with all creation. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be God's signature in the world.**

### OPENING HYMN

*"O Sing to the Lord"*

#637 (verses 1-3)

*O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.*

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*O sing to our God; O sing to our God.*

*For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.*

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*O sing to our God; O sing to our God.*

*So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Holy One of all Creation, we know you must yearn for us to learn your way of compassion when you see hatred in the hearts of your people. How hard it must be for you to watch our warring with one another, from fights on the playground to family disputes, from factions within countries to military conflicts between national. How much you must hope for us to learn your way of peace. Today we recommit ourselves to learning how to live together in your love.

*(silent reflection)*

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

One: God of Peace, you gather us into your Great Embrace.  
You love us into being loving, peaceful people.

**All: With new courage, we receive the gifts of peace and love  
to continue the journey. Amen.**

**CHILDRENS TIME** Elder Jane Bourne

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *"In Remembrance"* - Red (choir members)

**SCRIPTURE – The Gospels** Matthew 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

**SCRIPTURE – The Torah** Genesis 33:1-17

Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. <sup>2</sup> He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. <sup>3</sup> He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother. <sup>4</sup> But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. <sup>5</sup> When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, "Who are these with you?" Jacob said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant." <sup>6</sup> Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; <sup>7</sup> Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. <sup>8</sup> Esau said, "What do you mean by all this company that I met?" Jacob answered, "To find favor with my lord." <sup>9</sup> But Esau said, "I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself." <sup>10</sup> Jacob said, "No, please; if I find favor with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God—since you have received me with such favor. <sup>11</sup> Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have everything I want." So he urged him, and he took it. <sup>12</sup> Then Esau said, "Let us journey on our way, and I will go alongside you." <sup>13</sup> But Jacob said to him, "My lord knows that the children are frail and that the flocks and herds, which are nursing, are a care to me; and if they are overdriven for one day, all the flocks will die. <sup>14</sup> Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir."

<sup>15</sup> So Esau said, "Let me leave with you some of the people who are with me." But he said, "Why should my lord be so kind to me?" <sup>16</sup> So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir. <sup>17</sup> But Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built himself a house, and made booths for his cattle; therefore the place is called Succoth.

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**SERMON** "Lessons in Reconciliation: the Story of Jacob and Esau"

**RESPONSE** From A Brief statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church, USA

In life and in death we belong to God.  
through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the  
captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and  
peace.

With believers in every time and place  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! 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 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.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**“O For A World”**

**#372**

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*

## **BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      **“Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.  
Let me walk with my brother, in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

**POSTLUDE**      *“The Joy of the Lord”* arr. Wilson