



**Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ**

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PRELUDE *"The Savior is Waiting"* - arr. John Wilson

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

INTROIT *"Surely the Presence"*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: May this time be good for us,
All: In body, mind and spirit,
One: For we gather in the presence of God
**All: Who made us and loves us,
 and never will leave us. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *"Gather Us In"* # 401 *Versus 1,2 and 4*

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away;
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

You keep us waiting
You, God of all time,
Want us to wait for the right time
In which to discover
Who we are,
Where we must go,
Who will be with us
And what we must do.

All: So thank you for the waiting time.

You keep us looking....
You, the God all of all space
Want us to look in the right and the wrong places
For signs of hope,
For people who are hopeless,
For visions of a better world
Which will appear among the disappointments
of the world we know.

All: So thank you for the looking time.

You keep us loving...
You, the God whose name is love,
Want us to be like you –
To love the loveless and the unloved
and the unlovely
to love without jealousy or design or threat;
and, most difficult of all,
to love ourselves.

All: So thank you for the loving time.

And in all this
You keep us...
Through hard questions with no easy answers,
Through failing where we hoped to succeed
And making an impact
When we thought we were useless,
Through the patience and encouragement
And love of others,
And through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
You keep us.

**All: So thank you for the keeping time
And for now and forever, Amen.**

(silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

One: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

CHILDRENS TIME

Heather Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” - Townend

Heather Carter, Soloist – Richard Carter, Guitar

SCRIPTURE

The Story of Ruth and Naomi

ACT 1

INTERLUDE *“O Sing to the Lord”* #637 Verses 1 and 2

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

*For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
O sing to our God; O sing to our God.*

ACT 2

SONG *“O Sing to the Lord”* #637 Verse 4

*O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O sing to our God; O sing to our God.*

SERMON

“God’s Faithfulness in the Ordinary”
Part 10 in the series Faithful Saints

RESPONSE

Each of you are invited to reflect and name the places and people that have given you “hesed” (kindness) in strange places. You may write on your small heart cut out and place it in one of the offering plates as you leave.

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

"This is My Father's World"

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*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world, O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.*

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 *"Alleluia!"* - arr. John Wilson