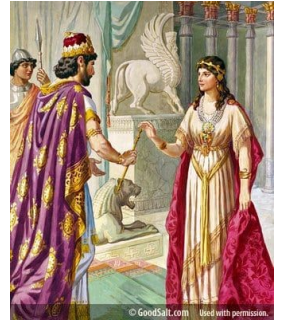




**Faith Presbyterian Church  
Sierra Vista, AZ**

August 22, 2021

Rev. Renée Rico, Transitional Pastor  
Heather Carter, Worship Leader  
Janis Wheat, Director of Music  
Bianca Garcia, Video-Tech Assistant



*~ At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship. ~*

**PRELUDE** “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!” - Webb

**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: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—

All: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,  
then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;  
then over us would have gone the raging waters.

One: Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped.

All: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. *From Psalm 124*

**\*OPENING HYMN** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” #263

*All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!*

*Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!*

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and the bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. 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.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

**WELCOME**

*We invite all our guests to identify themselves as they wish.*

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDRENS TIME** Richard Carter

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “But for Your Grace” - Baloché Debi Godwin, Soloist

**SCRIPTURE –** The Epistles James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among

you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**SCRIPTURE –** The Writings

The Story of Esther

**SERMON**

**“Daring Greatly”**

*Part 12 in the series Faithful Saints*

**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.*

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**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.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**\*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.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

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*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

**\*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 Golden Trumpet" - Smith*

**~ Congregational Meeting ~  
Sunday, August 29, 2021**

There will be a Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary after the worship service on Sunday, August 29. The purpose of the meeting is to reduce the number of Elders and Deacons to 9 members each.

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**~ Seeking Worship Leaders ~**

We are returning to sign-ups for Worship Leaders beginning August 29 - the sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Both experienced and new folks are welcome to participate.

We provide everything you need to succeed!

Elders are required for Communion Sundays.