



**Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ**

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

PRELUDE *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”* - arr. Schrader

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: There are many places you could be this morning,
but you have chosen to be here:

All: where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.

One: Welcome to this place - full of music, of words, of prayer –
yet also filled with danger:

All: where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.

One: Welcome to God's House, the most dangerous place in town:

**All: where we talk about and with God, and are reduced to silence
so we may hear the call to discipleship.**

***OPENING HYMN** *“Let Us Build a House of Welcome”* #301 Verses 1, 2 and 5

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to see to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)**

God our creator, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor.

Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples. Amen.

(silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: The One who poured the foundations of creation fills us with grace and hope.
That same One offers grace to all who miss the mark.

All: God loves and accepts us as we are. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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 Elder Heather Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC "In Remembrance of Me" - Courtney and Red Kay Travis, soloist

SCRIPTURE – the Prophets Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,

struck down by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹ They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

SCRIPTURE – The Gospels Mark 10: 32-45

³² They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; ³⁴ they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.”

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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SERMON

“Learning to Serve”

Part 14 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**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All are welcome to take the sacrament. We will pass individual communion sets.
Please wait to take the elements together.*

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Sons of Thunder, James and John”
(to the tune of "Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain")

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*Sons of Thunder, James and John, left their father fishing —
For they found that they were drawn into Jesus' mission.
Christ had strength to calm the sea and to bring great healing;
He taught with authority — God's own way revealing.*

*As they heard the things he taught — love of God and neighbor —
Those ambitious brothers thought they would ask a favor.
So they said, "Give just one thing; let our words here guide you:
Jesus, when you reign as king, let us sit beside you."*

*"Can you drink the cup I drink? Can you take the suffering?"
Jesus told them, "Stop and think! This is what I'm offering.
Tyrants reign o'er other folk, rising to high places.
You must bear a servant's yoke if you want true greatness."*

*Christ, we love the honored place and the seat of glory.
Now, remind us, by your grace, of the gospel story:
You gave up your life —it's true! — with a love unswerving.
May all those who follow you seek a life of serving.*

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 *“Postlude in F Major, No. 15” Proehl*

Reminder:

We will have a called congregational meeting immediately following worship in the sanctuary.

Today is the last Sunday to make reservations for the Gaslight performance on September 19 and pay for the tickets.

Seeking Sunday Worship Leaders. Sign up in the Narthex.

Women – Sign up for the monthly Bible Study in the Narthex.