



Faith Presbyterian Church

Sierra Vista, AZ

September 12, 2021

**OHANA (Family) Sunday**

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Deacon Pam Winters, Worship Leader

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

**PRELUDE**                    *"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" - Moore*

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

**INTROIT**                    *"Won't You Be My Neighbor" - Rogers*

Back Row Boys – Paul Lewis, George Van Otten, George Wheat, Fred Whitley

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

One: Those who do the will of God are Christ's mother and sisters and brothers,

**All:    There are no outcasts in the family of God.**

One: For all of you are one in Christ Jesus our Lord,

**All:    There are no dividing walls of hostility in the kingdom of God.**

One: For there will be a great multitude that no one can count,

**All:    From every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.**

One: Of all ages and abilities, every one of us made in God's image;

**All:    We are loved. We belong. We are the whole people of God.**

**\*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 CONFESSION (in unison)**

Merciful God, when we think of all the people Jesus ate with,  
we discover they weren't much different from us.

Sometimes they were afraid of the unknown.

Sometimes they felt they needed to appear powerful and in control.

Other times, they just needed to be told they were loved and cherished.

They weren't much different from us.

Sometimes they messed up and needed to be forgiven.

Sometimes they fell down and needed to be picked up.

Other times they hurt others and had no idea the pain they caused another.

What we know today is that your table is wide enough and big enough  
to accommodate all of us – just we are!

Help us to show the same love and grace to others in our Ohana  
as we seek to follow the way of Jesus.

Loving one another. Forgiving each other. Enjoying everyone! Amen.

*Time of Silent Prayer*

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: I believe that God forgives and sets us free

All: and at the day's beginning, we commit ourselves  
to following where Christ calls us and to loving one another. 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** Jane Bourne

**ANTHEM** "A Family of Love" - McDonald

**SCRIPTURE – the Psalms** Psalm 14

<sup>1</sup>Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."  
 They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
 there is no one who does good.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind  
 to see if there are any who are wise,  
 who seek after God.

<sup>3</sup>They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;  
 there is no one who does good,  
 no, not one.

<sup>4</sup>Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
 who eat up my people as they eat bread,  
 and do not call upon the LORD?

<sup>5</sup>There they shall be in great terror,  
 for God is with the company of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>You would confound the plans of the poor,  
 but the LORD is their refuge.

<sup>7</sup>O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!  
 When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
 Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.***

## **SCRIPTURE – the Gospels                      Luke 15:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>"Or what woman having ten silver coins,<sup>[a]</sup> if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.***

## **SERMON    "When the Lost are Found"**

### **RESPONSE                      *Affirming the Church's Mission                      from the Iona Community***

***We affirm that we worship one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
 In whose image we are made  
     To whose service we are summoned,  
     By whose presence we are renewed:  
 This we believe.  
 We affirm that it is central to the mission of Christ***

*That we participate through word and action  
To rejoice in the diversity of human culture,  
To preserve the earth in all its beauty and frailty,  
To witness to the love of God for every person,  
And to invite all to share in that converting experience.  
This we believe.*

*We affirm that through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
The persecuted shall be lifted up and the wicked will fall,  
The heartfelt prayers and hidden actions of God's people  
Shall change for good the course of human history,  
The ancient words of scripture shall continue to startle us with fresh insight.  
This we believe  
And to this we are committed  
For the love of God, in the way of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

## **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**

#### **~ BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS ~**

##### **\*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**

*"Come! Live in the Light!"*

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*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.*

*We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.*

*We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

***Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.***

***We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.***

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**                      ***“Aloha Oe” – Queen Lili’uokalani***

***A-lo-ha Oe', A-lo-ha Oe', come Holy Spirit dwell among us now.  
One fond farewell, before we depart, until we meet again.***

**POSTLUDE**                      *Blue Hawaii – Robin & Rainger*

*Liturgy is from A Wee Worship Book, Fifth Incarnation, Wild Goose Resource Group, 2015.*

## *~ Week of September 12, 2021 ~*

- *TODAY - Please stay for a few minutes after church. A group picture will be taken of everyone in the front of the sanctuary. This will be our Ohana picture taken indoors! We need you in the picture!*
- *The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in memory of Pastor Virginia Studer.*
- *September 14 - Men's Lunch - 11:30 am - Landmark Cafe*
- *September 15 - Choir practice - Wednesday at 6:00 pm  
All singers are welcome to join!*
- *September 16 - Memorial Service for Barb Adams -  
2:00 pm - Faith Presbyterian Sanctuary*
- *September 19 - Gaslight - 1:15 pm lunch at the Diner  
3:00 pm "Frankenstein"*
- *Women's Bible Study - First meeting Thursday, Sept. 23  
at 2:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays after that. Contact Pastor  
Renée to order study.*
- *Seeking Worship Leaders - Sign up in Narthex*