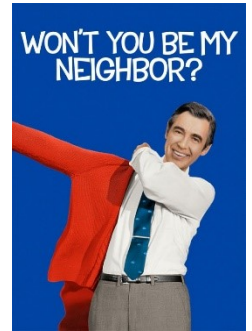




**Faith Presbyterian Church**  
**Sierra Vista, AZ**  
September 19, 2021  
Rev. Renée Rico, Pastor  
Elder Bill Akins, Worship Leader  
Janis Wheat, Director of Music  
Bianca Garcia, Video-Tech Assistant



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

**PRELUDE**           *"O Word of God Incarnate"* - arr. Harris

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

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT**   *"Come to the Table of Grace"* #507

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.*

*Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.*

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

One: Blessed are those who pay attention to God's words.

All:   **We will keep them close to our hearts and write them on our souls.**

One: Blessed are those who seek to walk with God's Word, Jesus.

All:   **We will seek to love our God completely and our neighbors as if they were us.**

One: Blessed are those who keep their eyes on the Spirit.

All:   **We will learn the ways of peace and practice the art of hope.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**                   *"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"*       #418

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.*

*"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

*Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?*

*"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

***O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.***

***“Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home.”  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, “O sinner, come home!”***

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Creator of the mountain and the valley, keeper of the forest and the desert, companion along the smooth path and the rocky road, guide toward the light and comfort in the shadows:

We come before you and one another, with all of our beauty and with all of our needs, all of our certainties and all of our anxieties, our deepest regrets and our highest hopes. We come longing to be changed and transformed into the image of love. Let us pray together this prayer of confession:

**All: Merciful Spirit,  
help us to forgive ourselves;  
and help us to forgive one another  
for the ways we have loved wrongly,  
and for the unlovely things we have done  
out of insecurity and fear. Amen.**

*(silent reflection)*

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

One: Even in the deep and shadowed places we are not alone. In the hard times we are nurtured, renewed, and made whole. God is with us in this journey.

**All: Spirit rejoices with us along the way. For all the extraordinary and subtle ways that love prevails, thanks be to God! 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** - Ruth Akins

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - “With All My Heart” - Secret George Wheat, Soloist

## **SCRIPTURE – the Torah**

Leviticus 19:17-18

<sup>17</sup> You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

## **SCRIPTURE – the Gospels**

Mark 12: 28-34

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; <sup>33</sup> and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

## **SERMON**

**“Mister Rogers on Neighbors”**

*Part 1: The Theology of Mister Rogers*

## **RESPONSE**

**A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church USA**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit**

**Everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,**

**Sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,**

**And binds us together with all believers**

**In the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit**

**Who inspired the prophets and apostles**

**Rules our faith and life in Christ through scriptures,**

**Engages us through the Word proclaimed,**

**Claims us in the waters of baptism,**

**Feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,**

**And calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,**

**We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**And to live holy and joyful lives,**

**Even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,**

**Praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

## **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.*

### **\*CLOSING HYMN      "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"      #203**

**Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.***

***Kneels at the feet of the friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.***

**Refrain**

***Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;  
Neighbors are near us and far away.***

**Refrain**

***These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;  
All these are neighbors to us and you.***

**Refrain**

***Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;  
This is the way we should live like you.***

**Refrain**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”* - Rogers

*It’s a beautiful day in this neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor.  
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?  
It’s a neighborly day in this beauty wood, a neighborly day for a beauty.  
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?*

*I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you!  
I’ve always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.  
So let’s make the most of this beautiful day,  
since we’re together we might as well say:*

*Would you be mine? Could you be mine?  
Won’t you be my neighbor?  
Won’t you please, won’t you please?  
Please won’t you be my neighbor?*

**POSTLUDE**      *“Love Lifted Me”* - Rowe and Smith

*~ Week of September 19, 2021 ~*

- *Today - Communion during worship and Home Communion*
- *Today - Gaslight in Tucson  
Lunch at the Diner at 1:15 pm  
"Frankenstein" performance at 3:00 pm*
- *September 21 - Men's Lunch - 11:30 am at High Heat Sports Grill (behind Denny's)*
- *September 21 - Session - 6:00 pm in the office*
- *September 22 - Choir Practice - 6:00 pm*
- *September 23 - Women Bible Study - 2:00 pm in the Conference Room*
- *September 26 - New Member Class -  
After worship in Renée's Office -  
Contact Renée if you have an interest*