



Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ

October 10, 2021
Rev. Renée Rico, Pastor
Elder Johnnie Travis, Worship Leader
Janis Wheat, Director of Music
Jeff Durham, Video-Tech



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

PRELUDE "A Beautiful October Day" - Loveland

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Seek Ye First" #175

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

One: Come and worship, proclaim God's ways of faithfulness and steadfast love.

All: We will tell of God's love, which unfolds in our lives.

One: Come and worship, for we are God's people, rejoicing in his graciousness.

All: God is always with us, there is nothing which can keep us apart.

One: Come to the One who tells stories; worship our God who keeps promises.

All: We rejoice with God who is with us always.

***OPENING HYMN** "Morning Has Broken" #664

*Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Spring in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

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

What can we say about our foolish lives, God of Love? Too often, we choose to worship power when we could serve others in humility. We toss and turn at night, all those things over which we have no control keeping us wide awake, when we could turn them over to you. No matter how many times we hear the news that death has lost its power over us, we dread that day and try everything we can to postpone it.

For believing that our sins are more powerful than your mercy, forgive us, Grace of the world. You cast out your net of grace so that all might be gathered into your kingdom. Your Spirit carries the whispers of our hearts to you, and we are embraced with your hope, blessed with your love through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: Who has the right to judge us? Only Christ. Yet Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us, Christ reigns in power over us - Christ even prays for us!

All: This is the love which binds us to God forever. There is nothing in this world, or beyond, which will keep us from being God's children. 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 Elder Debbie Wood

SPECIAL MUSIC "Old Friends" - Gaither & Miller George Van Otten, Soloist

SCRIPTURE – the Psalms Psalm 139: 7-18

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light around me become night,"

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,

when none of them as yet existed.
¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O
God!

How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the
sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

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

SCRIPTURE – the Epistles

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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SERMON

“Mister Rogers on Losing”

Part 4: 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!"

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

We joyfully welcome as new members: Charles Wilkes, Kay Travis and Johnnie Travis

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**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

#754

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

***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 *Chapel Chimes* - Murray

~ Week of October 10 ~

- *Monday, October 11 - Office Closed -
Columbus Day Federal Holiday*
- *Tuesday, October 12 - Men's Lunch - 11:30 am*
- *Wednesday, October 13 - Choir Practice 6:00 pm*
- *Thursday, October 14 - PW Bible Study 2:00 pm*
- *Saturday, October 16 - Memorial Service -
11:00 am for Jon Hanson*