



**Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ**

October 17, 2021

Elder Richard Carter, Guest Speaker
Mario Gonzales, 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 *Toccata on "The Old-Time Religion" – arr. Young*

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

INTROIT *"It's Such a Good Feeling" - Rogers*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

One: Hearts open, we enter this space
All: **Recalling how much we are loved.**
One: Minds open, we enter this space
All: **Receiving God's wisdom and insight.**
One: Arms open, we enter this space
All: **Ready to share God's love in word and deed.**
One: Lives open, we enter this space
All: **Being transformed by God's love, wisdom, and work.**

***OPENING HYMN** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

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*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

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

Wise God, our Savior, we confess that we often fail to seek your wisdom and insight in our life. Instead, we follow what is trending online, the market, the desires of others that become our own. We seek to have and consume much more than we need. God of Wisdom, turn us back to your ways, to become your children, full of wonder and awe at you and the world you have made. Turn us back to your ways so that we love our neighbors as ourselves, and in our mutual love and care, our lives are transformed. Turn us back, O God, so that we might recall we are made in your image, with the power to co-create and build your reign here on earth as it is in heaven. 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 Heather Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC “You Don’t Love God, If You Don’t Love Your Neighbor” - Rhonda

SCRIPTURE – the Prophets Jeremiah 29:4-7

⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

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

SERMON**“Change and Mr. Rogers”**

Elder Richard Carter

*Part 5: The Theology of Mister Rogers***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***“O God In Whom All Life Begins”*

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*O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives; here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit’s gifts of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.*

*Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.*

*Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray;
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.*

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

"Wings of a Dove" - Ferguson

~ Week of October 17 ~

- *Today - Welcome Elder Richard Carter as our guest speaker*
- *Pastor Renée is out of the office until October 31 - For Emergencies call Pam Winters - 419-707-2909 or Joy Church - 520-220-2431*
- *Tuesday, October 19 - Men's Lunch - 11:30 am*
- *Tuesday, October 19 - Worship & Music Meeting - 6:00 pm in the office*
- *Wednesday, October 20 - Choir Practice 6:00 pm*
- *Lila Taylor's committal service will be on Monday, October 25th at 1 pm (gather at line-up between 12:30 and 12:40 pm), Southern Arizona Memorial Veterans Cemetery*