



**Faith Presbyterian Church  
Sierra Vista, AZ**

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But the  
GREATEST  
of these is  
**love.**

1 Corinthians 13:13

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

**PRELUDE**            “Love Medley” arr. Wyrzten

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

**INTROIT**            “I Love You Lord” Faith Choir #627

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

One: With powerful words and dramatic gestures,  
with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch,

**All: we respond to God’s call to offer  
healing and hope to our world.**

One: With courage to face the injustices around us,  
with the willingness to go into the brokenness,

**All: we fulfill the call of Jesus  
to engage in faithful obedience.**

One: With the patience of a teacher of six-year-olds,  
with the gentleness of a nurse helping a patient,

**All: we become the Spirit’s refuge  
for all who live in worry and fear.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**            **“Let Us Build a House”**            #301 (Verses 1,2, and 3)

***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 seek 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 love is found in water, wine, and wheat;  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.***

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

Ah, Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope, because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We do not know how to be loving because our role models are ridicule and anger. We do not know how to be faithful to you, because at an early age, we learned to trust the promises of all the false prophets who entice us with their simple thoughts. But you know how to forgive, God of kindness, so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who abides in us. Amen.

*(silent reflection)*

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

One: The good news is that, in our God, we find that safe place for our lives.  
In God's forgiveness, we are offered the healing we need.

All: In God's acceptance, we discover the love in which we may abide  
in every moment of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory be to the Father; and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**WELCOME**

*We invite all our guests to identify themselves as they wish.*

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDRENS TIME** Elder Heather Carter

**ANTHEM** "Yes, My Jesus Loves Me" - McDonald

## **SCRIPTURE – The Psalms**

Psalm 71: 1-6

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
<sup>2</sup> In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.  
<sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress, <sup>Ⓜ</sup> to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.  
<sup>4</sup> Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.  
<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.  
<sup>6</sup> Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.

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

## **SCRIPTURE – The Epistles**

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

## **SERMON**

**“The Gift of Love”**

*Third in the Series: Spiritual Gifts*

## **RESPONSE**

From A Brief statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church, USA

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and  
peace.

With believers in every time and place  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! 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

*"Though I May Speak"*

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*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; and spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”* #192 refrain only

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory,  
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

**POSTLUDE**      *“Redeeming Love”* - William & Gloria Gaither

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*Annual Congregational Meeting*

*Please stay after worship for the Annual Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary.*