



**Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ**

February 13, 2022

Rev. Renée Rico, Transitional Pastor,
Dave Rockwell, Worship Leader
Janis Wheat, Director of Music
Bianca Garcia, Video-Tech

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

PRELUDE *Meditation (from "Thais") - Massenet*

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

INTROIT *"For the Beauty of the Earth" - arr. Patricia Cota*
 Faith Tone Chime Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

All: Before the mountains were born

One: or you brought forth the earth and the world,

All: from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

One: A thousand years in your sight

All: are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

One: Teach us to number our days aright,

All: that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (from Psalm 90)

***OPENING HYMN**

"Blessed Assurance"

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*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a fore-taste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

Refrain:

*This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Refrain

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

Refrain

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

We are reluctant to admit all the ways we have failed to be your people.
Created to be one Body, Holy Hope,
we are often torn apart by petty squabbles.
Called to follow, we push and shove for first place in line.
Invited to seek your face,
we have trouble looking our sisters and brothers in the eye.

You have promised to be our Light, Healing Heart,
so lead us from the shadows of our sin and silliness.
You have promised to be our salvation,
so set us free to explore the depths of your heart.
You have promised to lead us into your kingdom,
so show us how to join hands with one another, as we follow Jesus on his way.

God of surprises and non-convention,
grace us with a vulnerability and openness
to hear the wise and lyrical voice of Jesus anew.
May our way of seeing, thinking, acting, and responding
be changed in light of Jesus' great love of all and the world of your making.

(silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: In the hope of God:

All: we have a future.

One: In the grace of God

All: we have forgiveness.

One: In the love of God

All: we have today. 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 Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC "I'm Gonna Keep On – Gaither
George Van Otten, Soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Merciful God, our Creator and Redeemer,
as you knit each of us together at the beginning of our life,
so you also draw us together to be one Holy Church, the body of our Lord.
Grant us humility and gratitude as we remember your saints.
Grant us courage and grace to follow their path of faith and devotion.
And above all, stir up our faith that we may know that our Lord Jesus Christ
has conquered death
and has given eternal life to all who believe.
Speak clearly from your Word this day.
In the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you,
now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE – The Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

SCRIPTURE – The New Testament

Revelation 14:13; 21:1-4

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them."

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home^a of God is among mortals.

He will dwell^b with them;

they will be his peoples,^c

and God himself will be with them;^d

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

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REFLECTIONS

Mary Davis – Barbara Sifton
Sharon Keene – Dave Rockwell
Virginia Studer – Richard Carter

COMMUNITY MEMORIES

If you would like to share a memory, we will have microphones ready to bring to where you are sitting

MUSICAL RESPONSE

I'll See You Again – Hill and Poole
Faith Choir

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

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

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*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
You only asked me to follow humbly.*

Refrain:

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
And while smiling have spoken my name;
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.*

*You know so well my possessions;
My boat carries no gold and no weapons;
You only find there my nets and labor.*

Refrain

*You need my hands, full of caring,
Through my labors to give others rest
And constant love that keeps on loving.*

Refrain

*You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
My loving friend, as thus you call me.*

Refrain

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; and
If you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend.*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

POSTLUDE *"Going Home"* – arr. Martin

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, February 20th – "Loving Our Enemies"

**Sunday, February 27th – Paster Renee's last day at Faith. You're invited to come
thank Renee for serving among us and wish her well.**

Wednesday, March 2nd – Ash Wednesday Service, time TBA

