



**Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ**

February 20, 2022

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

PRELUDE *"Love Lifted Me" - Smith*

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

INTROIT *"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

One: We are called to turn the other cheek,

All: so we will seek to be vulnerable in our lives of faith and service.

One: We are called to go the extra mile,

All: so we will walk with those around us in the journeys of hope as well as fear.

One: We are called to love those who make that so hard,

All: so we will rely on the One who loves us to fill us with that special grace.

OPENING HYMN** ***"Gather Us In" #401 (verses 1, 2 & 4)

*Here in this place the new light is streaming;
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history;
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away;
Here in this place, the new light is shining;
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

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

God our Source and Christ our foundation, we confess to you that we have often been careless in our construction of community. Even in the church, we do not live as if we are the temple of your Spirit, much less conform our individual lives to the wisdom of the cross. Yet you are still faithful in your love for us, calling us to be more than we because of Christ, and filling us with the grace of your Spirit so that we may yet embody your holiness and peace. Bless us, we pray, with the gift of love, that we may see you at all times, in all people. Amen.

(silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: 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 “Stay Amazed” – arr. Wise

SCRIPTURE – The Psalms Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40

1 Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
2 for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.

- ³ Trust in the LORD, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
- ⁴ Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
- ⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
- ⁷ Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.
- ⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- ⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.
- ¹⁰ Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.
- ¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

- ³⁹ The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.
- ⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and rescues them;
he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

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

SCRIPTURE – The Gospels

Luke 6: 27-35

²⁷ "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

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SERMON

"Loving Our Enemies"

RESPONSE

The Apostles 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#366

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit, into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,*

Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

*Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **Bind Us Together**

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.*

POSTLUDE *“ The Greatness of the Lord – Miles*

**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.**

Ash Wednesday Service - March 2nd, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**The traditional Ash Wednesday service returns to the Sanctuary this year with
traditional scriptures, music, and the imposition of Ashes.**