



**Faith Presbyterian Church
Sierra Vista, AZ**

February 27, 2022

Rev. Renée Rico, Transitional Pastor
Elder Bill Akins, Worship Leader
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~ At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship. ~

PRELUDE *"Sonatina", Opus 20, #1, Allegro - Kuhlau*

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

INTROIT *"Bread of Life from Heaven"*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

One: God calls everyone: young and old

All: People of all genders, people of every land

One: Young and old, from north and south and east and west

All: People who have believed in God for a long time,

One: And those whom God has just called.

All the people are called into ministry

All: Everyone has a place in God's choir!

OPENING HYMN** ***"Be Thou My Vision" #450

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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

Forgive us, Holy One, when we forget that there are different seasons in life. We recognize that in our instant gratification world, we want it all now. We truly cannot do it all at one time, and instead must wait for the proper season. We lack patience and hate waiting, because we think it is wasted time. Forgive our narrow view of things, and help us to see things as you do. Amen.

(silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

One: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Know that God's forgiveness is beyond our perception and understanding, but is as real as the air we breathe. God is not ashamed to be called our God.

All: **We trust in God's ability to create anew. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC "Celtic Communion" – arr. Hayes with Corey Allen, flautist

SCRIPTURE – The Writings Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

2 a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

3 a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

7 a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

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

SCRIPTURE – The Epistles

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoiceⁱⁿ in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.ⁱⁿ ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved,ⁱⁿ whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think aboutⁱⁿ these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

SERMON

“Saying Goodbye, Saying Hello”

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.

LITANY FOR ENDING A MINISTRY

Introduction

Recognition Of The Symbols Of Ministry

Pastor Renée: Friends, you called me into your midst, to serve with you in the ministry of Word and Sacrament. The Bible is the symbol of the ministry of the Word among us. May God's Word continue to challenge, nurture, and inspire you.

All: We will continue to place Scripture at the center of our life. The Word of God lives among us. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Renée: The font is the symbol of our baptism, the place of our birth into the Body of Christ. May you continue to welcome new members through the living waters of our faith.

All: We will continue to celebrate new life in baptism; the font of blessing welcomes all. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Renée: The table is the symbol of our communion in Christ, the source of nourishment and strength. May you continue to share the bread and cup, remembering the One who is the Bread of Life and True Vine.

All: We will continue to break the bread and share the cup; the table invites us to taste and see that God is good. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Renée: The towel and basin are symbols of our calling to justice and service, according to the example of Jesus, who washed the feet of his friends. May you continue to walk the way of the cross of Christ.

All: We will continue to serve others and to work for justice, following in the way of Jesus, friend and servant of all. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Renée: As a congregation we are called to love and serve each other, to care and to heal, to teach and to witness to the Word. May you continue to love one another as God has loved you.

All: We will continue to offer care, challenge and encouragement to one another, sharing all that we are and have. Thanks be to God.

CLOSING PRAYER

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**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***CLOSING HYMN**

"God of Our Life"

#686

*God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.*

*God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.*

*God of the coming years, through paths unknown. We follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"Go My Children, With My Blessing" #547*

*Go, my children fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

POSTLUDE *"Sonatina, Opus 20, #1 Rondo - Kuhlau*

Reminder:

Ash Wednesday Service is March 2nd, 6:00 p.m.

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