

February 18, 2018
9:00 a.m.
The First Sunday in Lent

Order of Service

GATHERING

As followers of Jesus
we will love the Lord our God
with all our hearts,
with all our souls
and with all our minds.
And we will love our neighbors
as ourselves and serve them
in the name of Christ.
Matthew 22:37, 39

*Love God
Follow Jesus
Serve in Spirit*

*Please sign the Friendship Register
found at the end of the pew and
pass it on as you prepare for
worship. Visitors are urged to leave
their address, to receive a letter of
welcome from the pastor and be
placed on the newsletter email list.*

PRELUDE *Reflection on the "Passion Chorale"* – Ratcliffe/Slater

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION — One Great Hour of Sharing
Sue Eisenklam

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP *As The Deer* – Martin Nystrom
As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

Chorus: You alone are my Strength, my Shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother
even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.
(Chorus)

I want You more than gold or silver only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joygiver and the apple of my eye.
(Chorus)

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN – Jonas Myrin/Matt Redman
10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)
Allan Schultz, Guitar Accompanist

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

*Please stand at the asterisks.

Anthem Text:

Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov'reign die? Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I? At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light and the burden of my heart rolled away, it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day. Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree! At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light and the burden of my heart rolled away, it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day. But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do. At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light and the burden of my heart rolled away, it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)

And, on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. (Chorus)

Worship Your holy name. Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being; teach us your wisdom in the depth of our hearts. Send out your light, send out your truth, and let them lead us to our true home in you. Take from us the heavy weight of our sin, that there would be room within us for the spirit of truth. Free us from falseness and dishonesty, in our hearts, our words, and our lives. Forgive us for neglecting our relationship with you, O Lord, and call us back to you again. Keep calling to us until we listen; until we learn; until we change our ways and turn again toward you. As we enter this season of Lent, let us reflect and pray daily on your sacrificial love for all the world so that we might begin to mirror that same love in our lives. We pray all of this in the strong name of our Savior, Jesus Christ; Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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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.

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the Lenten journey, help us to discern your still, small voice. Open us to change and growth in this season of Lent. Help us to listen to and follow your Word so that we may walk with Christ our Lord; Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 25:1-7

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM *At The Cross* – Ralph Hudson

SERMON Rev. Ann Conklin
Psalm 25: A Prayer for Lent

RESPONDING

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying – Ken Medema
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!
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*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.

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Hallowed Be Thy Name,* – arr. Bill Ingram
Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir
(sung by leader and congregation)

Our Father who art in Heaven, **hallowed be thy name.**
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, **hallowed be thy name.**
On earth as it is in Heaven, **hallowed be thy name.**
Give us this day our daily bread, **hallowed be thy name.**
And forgive us all our debts, **hallowed be thy name.**
As we forgive all of our debtors, **hallowed be thy name.**
And lead us not into temptation, **hallowed be thy name.**
But deliver us from evil, **hallowed be thy name.**
Thine is the kingdom, power, and glory, **hallowed be thy name.**
Forever and forevermore, **hallowed be thy name.**
Amen, Amen, it shall be so, **hallowed be thy name.**
Amen, Amen, it shall be so, **hallowed be thy name,**
Hallowed be thy name.

Liturgist: Sheilah Dye

Greeter: Susan Durand

Ushers: Thank you to Don Wilson's team. Next week: Gary Marshall's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir. Next Sunday's special music will include the Choristers, One Voice, and First Ringers. The complete Worship Schedule is available at fpcmesa.org/worship-planning.

Praise Band: Erin Skarphol, vocals; Karen Rudin, rhythm guitar/vocals; Mark Ramsey, piano/vocals; Paul Soderquist, drums

Sound Booth: Peter Conklin

Nursery Workers: Thank you to Isobel Letizia & Tanya Snitzer.

Activity bags for children are available at the back of the sanctuary. These are for use during worship.

Visitors are encouraged to visit the Information Kiosk by the main doors of the sanctuary to learn more about the church's programs.

Audio assistance is available for those who may be unable to adequately hear the service. Please see an usher for assistance.

Check the bulletin boards in the church office for information regarding events or opportunities in the life of the church and the community.

Prayer Chain: If you or a family member need special prayers, email presbyterianprayers@gmail.com or call the church office. If the prayer request is for a friend, you must first have *permission from that friend* to make the request public on the Prayer Chain.

Bulletin Recycling. If you do not want to take your bulletin home, please take it to the recycling basket at the back of the sanctuary.

If you are hospitalized or confined at home due to illness, call the church office at 480-964-8606 to let us know. Please note: If you are in the hospital, let us know what your room number is. In order to comply with new stricter government regulations to protect patients' privacy, hospitals refuse to provide any information, including room numbers.

Sanctuary Flowers are a way for you to recall a special person or event in your life. Flowers are available at a cost of \$50 or you may notify the church office of your desire to furnish your own flowers. You may take the flowers that Sunday or leave them for the Deacons to deliver. If you are interested in providing flowers, fill out the form found at the Kiosk or in the office. After completion, please return it to the office, along with a check and instructions.

Becoming a Member. People may become active members in one of three ways:

- ◆ Profession of Faith – those who have not been baptized and/or who have never been active members of a Christian church.
- ◆ Reaffirmation of Faith – those who have at one time been members of a Christian church and are currently inactive.
- ◆ Letter of Transfer – those who are currently active members of another Christian church.

Contact our pastor, Rev. Ann Conklin, at pastor@fpcmesa.org if you are interested in participating in our next New Members Orientation class.

***DOXOLOGY** *Freely, Freely* – Carol Owens

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share
His love as He told me to.

Chorus: He said, "Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live."

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

***HYMN** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #403

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *Go Now in Peace* – Don Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Sortie* – Norman Gilbert

Coffee time will follow the service.

**The hosts today are Jeanne Partida, Jack & Yvonne Oliver.
Baked goods are provided by Shelley Cronenberg & Susan Durand.**

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