

March 11, 2018  
9:00 a.m.

## 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.*

**\*Please stand at the asterisks.**

#### PRELUDE

– George Dyson

*O God of Truth, from Variations on Old Psalm-Tunes*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

– Paul Baloche

*Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see You. I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

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#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### \*HYMN

*Amazed*

– Jared Anderson

You dance over me while I am unaware.  
You sing all around, but I never hear the sound.

Chorus: Lord, I'm amazed by You. Lord, I'm amazed by You.  
Lord, I'm amazed by You. How You love me.

You paint the morning sky with miracles in mind.  
My hope will always stand. You hold me in Your hand. (Chorus)

How wide, how deep, how great is Your love for me.  
How wide, how deep, how great is Your love for me. (Chorus)

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### **Anthem Text:**

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?

No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries. His faithfulness is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake my soul! and sing!

Let my spirit rejoice in God! Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored!

Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the

Father in glorious, jubilant song. And He will joy over you in song!

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom He loves. Is that a choir

I hear singing the praises of God?

No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song! God rejoices over you in song!

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, whose Son Jesus Christ longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children. We have disobeyed your commands; our ears have not heard nor heeded your call; our hearts are not warmed to your love. In thought, word, and deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy, receive us again as your beloved children, hold us close and teach us your ways. Remind us who we are and to whom we belong. Show compassion on us, not because we are worthy, but because you are a God of love. We pray this in the name of and for the sake of Christ who loves us and gave himself for us and for all the world; Amen.

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

#### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

#579

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, you walk with us as we walk with Christ to the cross. By your Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to receive your Word this morning. Let it be a light guiding us on our way as we seek to follow in the Way of Jesus Christ. Like the psalmist, may we cry out to you in our need and in thanksgiving for all that you are and all that you mean in our lives, individually and as a community of faith; Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 107

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **ANTHEM**

*And The Father Will Dance*

– Mark Hayes

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Ann Conklin

Psalm 107: A Parable for Lent

Let Us Cry Out to the Lord; Let Us Thank the Lord

## **RESPONDING**

### **\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

#552

*Give Thanks, O Christian People*

\*CREED based on Philippians 2:4-8  
Let us do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility let us regard others as better than ourselves.  
Let each of us look not to our own interests, but to the interests of others.  
Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

For that we give you thanks, O God; Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *This is the Life* – Craig/Ahlstrom  
One Voice, Soloist John Couillard

\*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 *To God Be the Glory* #485

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE (Tune: Crucifer)  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

POSTLUDE *Toccata* – Geoffrey Bush

Coffee time will follow the service.  
The hosts today are John John Schlak & Shelley Cronenberg.  
Baked goods are provided by Barbara Walker & Gail Wylie.

**Liturgist:** Paul Soderquist

**Greeter:** Jan Peterson

**Ushers:** Thank you to Graham Walker's team. Next week: Robert Harding's team.

**Special Music:** This week's special music is being offered by One Voice. Next Sunday's special music will include Soprano Jan Peterson and the Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir. The complete Worship Schedule is available at [fpcmesa.org/worship-planning](http://fpcmesa.org/worship-planning).

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

**Sound Booth:** Bob Schulz

**Nursery Workers:** Thank you to Mihret & Stephanie Gerlach.

**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 [prayer@fpcmesa.org](mailto:prayer@fpcmesa.org) 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.

## Activities for the Week of March 11, 2018

<b>Today, 3/11</b>	9:00a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:15a.m.	Christian Education
	11:00a.m.	HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, 3/12</b>	7:00p.m.	Eve Circle, Parlor
<b>Tuesday, 3/13</b>	9:30a.m.	Deborah Circle, Parlor
	12:00p.m.	Lydia Circle, Parlor
	1:00p.m.	Rachel Circle, Library
	7:00p.m.	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, 3/14</b>	7:30a.m.	Men's Fellowship
	8:30a.m.	Dave's Crew
	12:00p.m.	Study & Prayer Group, Parlor
	6:15p.m.	First Ringers, Bell Room
	6:30p.m.	Grief Share, Parlor
	7:15p.m.	Choir, Choir Room
<b>Thursday, 3/15</b>	6:30p.m.	Dei Gloriam, Bell Room
<b>Friday, 3/16</b>	10:00a.m.	Beauty & Beast Rehearsal, FH
<b>Saturday, 3/17</b>	9:30a.m.	Beauty & Beast Rehearsal, FH

### Upcoming Events

<b>3/23,24,25</b>	Beauty & the Beast Dinner Theater
<b>March 25</b>	Palm Sunday
<b>March 29</b>	Maundy Thursday
<b>March 30</b>	Good Friday — Office Closed
<b>April 1</b>	Easter Services: 6:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
<b>April 5,6,7</b>	Lifetouch Pictures for Directory

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