

April 22, 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.*

#### PRELUDE

– Settings by Burkhardt, Bish, Diemer, Pelz

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *Here I Am To Worship* – Tim Hughes

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore you,  
hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God,  
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created.  
All for love's sake became poor. (Chorus)  
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#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### \*HYMN

– Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

*Mighty to Save*

Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing.  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour,  
the hope of nations.

\*Please stand at the asterisks.

**Anthem Text:**

Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah. Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory hallelujah. Clap your hands and sing: Glory, hallelujah. Joyful voices ring. Glory, hallelujah. Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah. Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory, hallelujah. Soon a Son will come through Jesse. His delight shall be the Lord. He shall reign with truth and justice. Come, O Savior, come. Wolf and lamb shall rest together; calf and lion shall join as friends. Peace shall come to all the nations. Come, O Savior, come. Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah. Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory hallelujah. Clap your hands and sing: Glory, hallelujah. Joyful voices ring. Glory, hallelujah. Dance and sing, for the Lord will be with us. Glory, hallelujah. Peace and justice soon will be with us. Glory, hallelujah.

*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.

Chorus: Saviour, He can move the mountains.  
My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save.  
Forever Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures.  
Fill my life again. I give my life to follow ev'rything I believe in.  
Now I surrender. (Chorus)

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the Risen King. Jesus.  
Shine your light, and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the Risen King. (Chorus)  
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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Leader:** As God's creatures, we are made in God's own image to live in communion with God and with all of creation. We have been given the responsibility of caretaking, charged with loving our neighbor and tending to God's creation.

**People:** God uses us in the unfolding and well-being of creation. Yet we often neglect this calling and exploit Mother Earth.

**Leader:** God of all creation, on the first day you made day and night.

**People:** Forgive us for taking for granted the dependable patterns of your world. Open our eyes to see the beauty of the cosmos you created as a home for all creatures.

**Leader:** On the second day you made the sky; on the third day you made the seas and the plants.

**People:** Forgive us for polluting the air and the seas, and help us to restore what we have damaged.

**Leader:** On the fourth day you made the sun and the moon.

**People:** Forgive us for failing to pause in praise of their splendor. Open our lips to declare your glory!

**Leader:** On the fifth day you made swarms of living creatures.

**People:** Forgive us for seeing their value primarily in serving our interests. Give us new opportunities, we pray, to delight in their beauty and diversity.

**Leader:** On the sixth day you made humankind in your image.

**People:** Forgive us for denying dignity to all of your people. Work in us and through us until all people know their worth as your divine image-bearers.

**Leader:** On the seventh day you rested.

**People:** Forgive us for failing to take joy in our rest and to delight in re-creation. Help us, Lord, to enter into your rhythms and to honor the Sabbath.

**All:** Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray; 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

Lord God, at the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the waters, bringing order out of chaos. Send your Spirit to us now to open our hearts and minds to receive the re-creating power of your Word. Through Christ we pray; Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 Page 435  
Romans 8:18-21 Page 919

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM – arr. Hal Hopson  
*Dance and Sing, for the Lord Will Be With Us*

SERMON Called to be Caretakers Rev. Ann Conklin

## RESPONDING

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION #274  
*O God of Earth and Space*

\*CREED [from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA)]  
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
Thanks be to God; Amen.

**Liturgist:** Jack Oliver

**Greeter:** Carol Letizia

**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 the Sanctuary Choir. Next Sunday's special music will include the Youth of FPC! 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 Janet & Sedona Verch.

**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.

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Voluntary for Eastertide* – Douglas Guest

\*DOXOLOGY

#592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SENDING**

\*HYMN *All Creatures of Our God and King* #455. Vss. 1-4

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

(Tune: Crucifer)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

– Francis Jackson

Coffee time will follow the service.

The hosts today are Deborah Rosen, Dale Gibson  
& Marie-Claire Cordray.

Baked goods are provided by Shelley Cronenberg & Susan Durand.

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