

August 19, 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

*Meditation
Prelude*

– June Nixon
– Quentin Thomas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

– Travis Jones

We're Here to Worship

We're here to worship. We're here to sing Your praise.
We're here to love You. We're here to seek Your face.
Oh, God, let Your life fill this place.

We're here to worship. We're here to bless Your name.
We're here to honor our Lord and gracious King.
Oh, God, be enthroned in our praise. Oh, God, hear our cries.

Chorus: So come and shower down Your love.
Come and meet us with Your touch.
We yield our hearts, give You our thoughts.
We're here for only You, oh, God.
(Repeat Chorus)

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN

The Family Prayer Song

– Morris Chapman

Come and fill our home with Your presence.
You alone are worthy of our rev'rence.

Chorus: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
We will serve the Lord.

*Please stand at the asterisks.

Lord, we vow to live holy, bowing our knees to You only. (Chorus)

Staying together, praying together, any storm we can weather
Trusting in God's Word, we need each other,
Fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers in harmony and love. (Chorus)

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, you are holy and we are not. We strive to live holy lives, lives that reflect your Spirit alive within us; yet too often we fall short. We hold resentments and hang on to bitterness. We trust too much in our own selves and forget that everything we have and do is a gift from your gracious hand. We become indifferent to suffering and overwhelmed by all the needs of the world. Forgive us, God. Open our hearts, minds, and whole beings to your transforming love. Help us to trust that you have equipped us for the work to which you have called us. Grow in us your compassion, your mercy, your love so that we might love others as you have first loved us. Through Christ 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

God of all creation, in your light we see light. In your grace, we find freedom. We pray that we would receive your Word this morning with believing hearts and hear deep in our beings what you are saying to us this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Ruth 2:8-13

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

Gonna Be a Great Day – African-American Spiritual, arr. Joseph Martin
FPC Men's Ensemble

SERMON

This is My Father's World

Rev. Ann Conklin

RESPONDING

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

This is My Father's World

#293

***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 *Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty* – Joachim Neander
Cortney Bever, Soprano

***DOXOLOGY** *We Are An Offering* – Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

***HYMN** *O For a World* #386

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** *(Hyfrydol)*

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

POSTLUDE *Toccatà* – Quentin Thomas

Liturgist: Steve Post

Greeters: Denver & Patricia Wyse

Ushers: Thank you to Team 3.
Next week: Graham Walker's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by Soprano Cortney Bever and the FPC Men's Ensemble. Next Sunday's special music will include One Voice. The complete Summer Music Schedule is available at fpcmesa.org/worship-planning, and copies are on the Sanctuary Information Kiosk, and the Choir Room whiteboard table.

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 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.

Prayer Chain: If you or a family member need special prayers, email 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.

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

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 August 19, 2018

Today, 8/19	9:00a.m. Worship, Sanctuary 10:15a.m. Christian Education 11:00a.m. HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, 8/21	1:30p.m. PW Sewing, Parlor 7:00p.m. Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, 8/22	8:30a.m. Dave's Crew
Friday, 8/24	6:40p.m. D'Backs Faith & Family Night

Upcoming Events

August 26	Monthly Food Drive
August 29	Wednesday WRAP begins
September 2	Hymnfest — <u>10:00 service in Sanctuary</u>
September 3	Labor Day — Office Closed
September 9	Kick-Off Sunday
September 16	Commissions & Session meet

**Coffee time will follow the service.
The hosts today are Mike & Stephanie Gerlach.
Baked goods are provided by Mary Jean Maedche & Ron Wright.**

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