

August 26, 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

*Antiphon  
Prelude*

– Stanley Vann  
– Richard Lloyd

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

– Amy Grant, Wes King

*Seek First*

Chorus: Seek first the kingdom of heaven, and all shall be added.  
Seek first the kingdom of heaven, and all shall be added.

They say we need money and power.  
They say there's no God up above.  
Don't they know our Friend in high places.  
Nothing can be stronger than love. (Chorus)  
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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN

*The Heart of Worship*

– Matt Redman

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come,  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart.

(Chorus) I'll bring You more than a song,  
For a song in itself is not what You have required.  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;  
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
And it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,  
When it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, Ev'ry single breath. (Chorus)

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you love us more than we can imagine and desire that we live together in peace and harmony. Yet too often we sow seeds of discontent. We want what others have and are sometimes willing to compromise our values, standards, and beliefs to achieve that. We trample on the feelings of others and become caught up in our own drama. Draw us back into your drama of salvation, Lord. Focus our attention and our lives on you. Set our hearts afire with a desire to serve you and your people, even at a cost to our own comfort. Forgive us when we go astray and lead us back to you. Help us to be loving, gentle, and kind as you through Christ have shown us. This we pray in the power of Jesus' name; 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**

Holy God, we pray that we would encounter you in your Word and be transformed by it. Let your Word work its way into the depth of our beings, this day and always; Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

Ruth 4:1-6

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**ANTHEM**

*I Have Decided*  
One Voice

— Michael Card

**SERMON**

Redemption

Rev. Ann Conklin

## RESPONDING

**\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

*Be Thou My Vision*

#339

**\*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

– Mosie Lister, arr. Linn/Fettke

*I'm Climbing Up the Mountain*

One Voice

\*DOXOLOGY

#592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

\*HYMN

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

#281

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

(Tune: Beecher)

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

– Eric Thiman

Coffee time will follow the service.  
The hosts today are Dennis & Darlene Sitzler.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

*Ruth Landers, Friendship Village Health Care Center  
Dave Tobey, Hospice Care*

Remember the TLC's of the church family

*Virginia Leigh  
580 S. Gilbert Rd., #109  
Gilbert, AZ 85296*

Liturgist: Steve Post

Greeters: Denver & Pat Wyse

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 a Hymn Festival, in one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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 Ben & Stephanie Gerlach.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given today by Steve & Gail Wylie in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary. (There will be a cake at coffee time.)

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](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.

**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 26, 2018

<b>Today, 8/26</b>	9:00a.m. 10:15a.m. 11:00a.m.	Monthly Food Drive Worship, Sanctuary Christian Education HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, 8/28</b>	7:00p.m.	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, 8/29</b>	8:30a.m. 5:00p.m.	Dave's Crew Wednesday WRAP
<b>Saturday, 9/1</b>	9:00a.m.	Needlework Grace Group, Parlor

### Upcoming Events

<b>September 2</b>	Hymnfest — <u>10:00 service in Sanctuary</u>
<b>September 3</b>	Labor Day — Office Closed
<b>September 5</b>	First Ringers and Choir rehearsals begin
<b>September 6</b>	Dei Gloriam rehearsals begin
<b>September 9</b>	Kick-Off Sunday
<b>September 16</b>	Commissions & Session meet
<b>October 13</b>	PWP Gathering

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