

September 2, 2018
10:00 a.m.

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.**

FESTIVAL HYMN SERVICE
"The Peaceable Kingdom"

"The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.
Zephaniah 3:17-18a

HYMNSING Anita Ramsey

PRELUDE *Jubilante* – Michael Higgins

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Tune: Slane)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN *Come Sing to God* #181

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Tune: Nettleton)
All the sins I have committed
to my Savior now I bring.

I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Tune: Faithfulness)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:15

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON



O Day of Peace

Carl P. Daw, Jr. | JERUSALEM



1. O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de - liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease,
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac-cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall know Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Where Mountains Lift the Eye

Where mountains lift the eye above the level plain and stretch our sight toward heaven's sky
We work and pray to gain a vision of the range that rises in the mind
as science, thought and culture change how faith will be defined.

ALL: We do not fear for we believe God dreams of worlds we can't conceive.

The highest peaks are found where plates of bedrock shift, disturbance of the solid rock is God's creative gift.

Who still is sculpting earth and uses that same art
around the world to bring to birth new landscapes in the heart.

ALL: We do not fear for we believe God dreams of worlds we can't conceive.

Those lofty, sharp edged forms attract the clouds and rain
and with their melting winter storms revive the thirsting plain
where seeds then burst and sprout with that same urgent force
which turns a barren heart from doubt to praise life's end and source.

**ALL: We do not fear for we believe
God dreams of worlds we can't conceive.**

As primal powers fuse earth's drifting crust of stone
the stress of many creeds and views far different from our own
will not destroy belief but make it broad and wise
and faith's familiar old relief will see new mountains rise.

**ALL: We do not fear for we believe
God dreams of worlds we can't conceive.**

AMEN – MAY IT BE SO!

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Dr. James R. Bruening, Pastor Emeritus

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Invitation to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (Please offer the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.)

Communion Music

Let Us Break Bread Together #513

Just as I Am, Without One Plea #370

THE COMMENDATION OF BEFRIENDERS & ELDERS

Pastor: We send you, our Befrienders & Elders, to share communion with those who are unable to be with us today. May those who receive the sacrament from you be strengthened and encouraged; for age, distance, and illness cannot separate us from the love of God.

People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence to our brothers and sisters.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Entrada

– Michael Mazzatenta

Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY

(Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist: Renita Jurgensen

Greeter: Marilyn Uithoven

Ushers: Thank you to Robert Harding's team. Next week: Dennis Sitzler's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by members of Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir. Next Sunday will be the beginning of fall choirs, and we will welcome back the Sanctuary Choir joined by Dei Gloriam. The complete Choir Schedule is online at fpcmesa.org/worship/choir-schedule.

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

Sound Booth: Greg Gerlach

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 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.

***HYMN**

— American Gospel Hymn, arr. Arnold Sherman

When the Saints Go Marching In

Accompanied by Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
Lord, how I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

And, when the sun begins to shine, and, when the sun begins to shine,
Lord, how I want to be in that number, when the sun begins to shine.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call,
oh, when the trumpet sounds its call,
Lord, how I want to be in that number,
when the trumpet sounds its call.

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
Lord, how I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.
Lord, how I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

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***BENEDICTION**

- John O'Donohue from Benedictus

Blessing for Peace

As the fever of day calms towards twilight
May all that is strained in us come to ease.
We pray for all who suffered violence today.

May an unexpected serenity surprise them.
For those who risk their lives each day for peace,

May their hearts glimpse providence at the



heart of history,
That those who make riches from violence and war
Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.
That we might see through our fear of each other.
A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.
That those who enjoy the privilege of peace
Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.
That the wolf might lie down with the lamb,
That our swords be beaten into ploughshares
And no hurt or harm be done
Anywhere along the holy mountain.

***RESPONSE**

(Tune: Slane)

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

POSTLUDE

Renaissance Rondel

— Andrew Fletcher