

September 16, 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 *Acclamation* – June Nixon
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- MOMENT FOR MISSION Sue Eisenklam, Elder for Mission
Peace and Global Witness Offering
- *PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- *CALL TO WORSHIP – Lanny Wolfe
Surely The Presence of the Lord
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
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- *PRAYER OF ADORATION
- *HYMN *Indescribable* – Jesse Reeves, Laura Story
From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming:
Chorus: Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name. You are amazing God.
All powerful, untamable, Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim You are amazing, God.
Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom. (Chorus)
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Anthem Text:

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want;
He makes me lie down
in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters,
restoring my soul.
Yea, though I walk through the
valley of death, yet will
I fear no ill;
For thou art with me,
thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.
Thou dost anoint my head with
oil, and my cup overflows:
For surely goodness
and mercy shall follow;
and I will dwell within the house
of the Lord forevermore.



***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and All-Loving God, your love for us is deeper than the ocean and higher than the sky. It is as immeasurable and as vast as you; yet we don't always experience your love due to walls and barriers we place between us. These barriers prevent us from loving others as you desire and have shown us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Break down all barriers and help us to see a new way of living. Grow your grace within us. Inspire us to action. Assure us you go with us and will provide all that is needed for whatever it is you call us to do and to be. Help us to nurture our own faith so that we might nurture faith in others. Deepen our spiritual connections with one another so that we may grow together in our love for you and in our service to our neighbors near and far. 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

By your Holy Spirit, bring these words alive to us this morning and help us to apprehend your message to each one of us gathered here in your house. May we all be changed by hearing and truly receiving your Word. Through Christ we pray; Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:17-26

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

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

– Daniel Burton

Sanctuary Choir, Soloist Karen Rudin, Accompanist Bea Towe

SERMON

Rev. Ann Conklin

The Great Ends of the Church:
Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship

RESPONDING

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

#367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

*CREED from the Confession of Belhar

We believe

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another (Eph. 2:11-22);
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain (Eph. 4:1-16);
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted (John 17:20-23). Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* — arr. Mark Sedio

*DOXOLOGY

#592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN

(Tune: *Diademata*)

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

God, bless Your church with strength! Wherever we may be,
Upbuild Your servants as we work in common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling faith to venture and to soar
Through open skies, to sing the praise of Christ whom we adore.

God, bless Your church with life! May all our branches thrive,
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, abundantly alive.

From You, one holy vine, in freedom may we grow;
Sustain us in our mission, Lord, Your love and peace to show.

God, bless Your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,
May we in chaos shine to light a pathway through life's maze.

May justice be our aim, and kindness ours to share,
In humbleness O may we walk, assured our God is there!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

He Leadeth Me

— Joesph H. Gilmore

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!

O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Liturgist: Renita Jurgensen

Greeters: Tom & Sheilah Dye

Ushers: Thank you to Don Wilson's team. Next week: Gary Marshall's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by the Sanctuary Choir and Soloist Karen Rudin. Next Sunday's special music will include One Voice. The complete music schedule is available at 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 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.

Coffee time will follow the service.
The hosts today are Deborah Rosen, Dale Gibson & Marie-Claire Cordray.
Baked goods are provided by Barbara Walker & Gail Wylie.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me;
 His faithful follower I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.

POSTLUDE

Fêtes

— Stanley Vann

Activities for the Week of September 16, 2018

Today, 9/16	9:00a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:15a.m.	Christian Education
	11:00a.m.	HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall
	12:15p.m.	Commissions
	1:15p.m.	Session, Parlor
Tuesday, 9/18	1:30p.m.	PW Sewing, Parlor
	6:30p.m.	Befrienders, Parlor
	7:00p.m.	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, 9/19	8:30a.m.	Dave's Crew
	5:00p.m.	Wednesday WRAP
	6:00p.m.	First Ringers
	6:15p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	7:00p.m.	Choir, Choir Room
Thursday, 9/20	6:30p.m.	Dei Gloriam, Bell Room

Upcoming Events

September 30	Monthly Food Drive
October 7	Meet Your Deacon at Coffee Time
October 13	PWP Gathering
October 21	Ministry Fair
	Meet Your Deacon at Coffee Time
October 28	Dedication Sunday

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