

October 7, 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*

PRELUDE *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* – arr. Mark Sedio

WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP – Chris Tomlin/John Newton/Louie Giglio

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found. Was blind but now I see.

Chorus: My chains are gone. I've been set free.

My God, my Savior, has ransomed me,

And like a flood, His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine,

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine,

Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN

– Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Ligthelm

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

You call me out upon the waters,  
the great unknown where feet may fail,  
And there I find You in the mystery.  
In oceans deep my faith will stand,

And I will call upon Your name  
and keep my eyes above the waves.

When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace,  
For I am Yours, and You are mine.

*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.

**Anthem Text:**

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace. Something's gonna happen like the world has never known, when the people of the Lord get down to pray; a door's gonna swing open and the walls come a-tumbling down, when the people of the Lord get down to pray. You're gonna know it, when the Lord stretches out his hand, and the people of the Lord get down to pray. There's gonna be a brand new song of victory in this land, when the people of the Lord get down to pray; and all the people sang: Lord, listen to your children praying.



Your grace abounds in deepest waters.  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,  
You've never failed, and You won't start now.

And I will call upon Your name  
and keep my eyes above the waves.  
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace,  
For I am Yours, and You are mine, and You are mine.

Bridge: Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders.  
Let me walk upon the waters wherever You would call me.  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,  
And my faith will be made stronger,  
In the presence of my Saviour. (Repeat Bridge)

I will call upon Your name. Keep my eyes above the waves.  
My soul will rest in Your embrace. I am Yours and You are mine.  
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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do; who we forget and what we forget to do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts. Through Jesus Christ we pray; 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 Spirit, settle our hearts and minds as we read the scriptures today. Help us to hear them in a new way. May our meditations and actions be acceptable to you and may the peace of Christ be with us. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 58:6-11  
Matthew 25:34-40

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### ANTHEM

— Ken Medema, arr. Jack Schrader

*Lord, Listen to Your Children*

### SERMON

Rev. Ann Conklin

The Great Ends of the Church: Promote Social Righteousness

## RESPONDING

### SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Insert

### 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.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Children of the Heavenly Father* — arr. Mark Sedio

#### \*DOXOLOGY

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

#### \*HYMN

*When a Poor One*

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#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Liturgist:** Peter Eisenklam

**Greeters:** Dennis & Darlene Sitzler

**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 Organist Barbara Walker, Director Karen Rudin, and the First Ringers. The complete music 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:** Peter Conklin

**Nursery Workers:** Thank you to Isobel Letizia & Tanya Snitzer.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** are given today by Allan Schultz in memory of "my best friend" Andrea Schultz.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Dennis & Darlene Sitzler.**  
**Baked goods are provided by Alice Schlak & Mildred Kimbrough.**

**\*RESPONSE**

(Tune: *Linstead*)

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
 reaching out with a shout of joy:  
 Bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
 Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
 Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
 pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccatino*

— Andrew Moore

**Activities for the Week of October 7, 2018**

<b>Today, 10/7</b>	9:00a.m.	World Communion Sunday
	10:15a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	11:00a.m.	Christian Education
		HolyGrounds CoffeeHouse Service, Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday, 10/8</b>	7:00p.m.	Eve Circle, Parlor
<b>Tuesday, 10/9</b>	9:30a.m.	Deborah Circle, Parlor
	12:00p.m.	Lydia Circle, Parlor
	1:00p.m.	Rachel Circle, Library
	7:00p.m.	Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, 10/10</b>	7:30a.m.	Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
	8:30a.m.	Dave's Crew
	6:00p.m.	First Ringers
	7:00p.m.	Choir, Choir Room
<b>Thursday, 10/11</b>	6:30p.m.	Dei Gloriam, Bell Room
<b>Saturday, 10/13</b>	8:00a.m.	PWP Gathering

**Upcoming Events**

<b>October 7</b>	Meet Your Deacon at Coffee Time
<b>October 20</b>	Prep for Mesa Make-a-Difference Day
<b>October 21</b>	Ministry Fair
	Meet Your Deacon at Coffee Time
	Commission & Session meet
<b>October 27</b>	Mesa Make-a-Difference Day
<b>October 28</b>	Dedication Sunday — <b>One service at 10:00</b>
	Celebration Luncheon with Vaudeville Show to follow

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