

March 3, 2019
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*

If you are visiting with us, we welcome you and encourage you to sign the visitor card in the pew. Visitors are urged to leave their address, to receive a letter of welcome from the pastor and be placed on the newsletter email list, if desired.

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre — arr. Hadfield
Piano Duet: Bea Towe, Barbara Walker

WELCOME AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29, adapted)

Leader: Let us praise the God of glory and of strength.

All: Let us worship the God of grace.

Leader: For the voice of God goes out across all the earth.

All: And in God's temple all the people say, "Glory!"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*HYMN *God of the Women* — Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all —
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray —
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more:
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?"
In Jesus' dying, you show us our worth.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Anthem Text:

I couldn't hear nobody pray,
an' I couldn't hear nobody pray.
O 'way down yonder by myself,
an' I couldn't hear nobody pray.
In the valley! On my knees! With
my burden! An' my savior!
I couldn't hear nobody pray.
I couldn't hear nobody pray, an'
I couldn't hear nobody pray.
O 'way down yonder by myself,
I couldn't hear nobody pray.
Chilly waters! In the Jordan!
Crossin' over! Into Canaan!
I couldn't hear nobody pray.
I couldn't hear nobody pray,
O Lord! I couldn't hear nobody
pray. O 'way down yonder by
myself, I couldn't hear nobody
pray. Hallelujah! Troubles over!
In the kingdom! With my Jesus!
I couldn't hear nobody pray,
O Lord! I couldn't hear nobody
pray, O Lord! An' I couldn't hear
nobody pray. O 'way down
yonder by myself, I couldn't
hear nobody pray.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom
all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures
here below;
Praise Him above,
ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day:
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near
That we may share in your ministry here.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Not one of us is perfect.

All: No, not one.

Leader: Not one of us is full of grace.

All: No, not one.

Leader: Not one of us is spotless.

All: No, not one.

Leader: There is no one who knows God's fullness or rests completely in God's grace.

All: Therefore, let us approach God's throne together.

Leader: Let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Find in us, we pray, the pockets of resistance and patches of coldness that keep us closed to your movement among us. Root them out and open us that we may be agents of your grace and channels of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

Leader: Join me in the Prayer for Illumination. Be in our words, O God, and in our understanding.

**All: Be in our hearts and in the love we bring.
Be in our lives and set us to praise, we pray.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:24-30

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

– African-American Spiritual, arr. Karen Thomas

I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray

Women's Choir

SERMON

Rev. Amy Poling Sutherlun

Wheatfield Grace

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

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.**

PRESENTATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Prayer – Sager/Foster, arr. Mark Hayes
Heavenly Harmonies

Liturgist: Suzanne Engman

Greeters: Jean Chappell & Susan Durand

Ushers: Thank you Presbyterian Women. Next week: Graham Walker's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by the Women's Choir and Heavenly Harmonies, for Women's Sunday, with Director Karen Rudin, Organist Barb Walker, and Pianist Bea Towe. Next Sunday's special music will include the Sanctuary Choir and the music of George Frideric Handel. The complete music schedule is available at fpc-mesa.org/worship-planning.

Sound Booth: Bob Schulz

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 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.

*DOXOLOGY
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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SENDING

*HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
 I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*
 Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
 Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

POSTLUDE *Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare* – Marcello

Coffee time will follow the service.
The hosts today are Jeanne Partida, Jack & Yvonne Oliver.
Baked goods are provided by Shelley Cronenberg & Susan Durand.

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