March 1, 2020 9:00 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

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.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Order of Service

GATHERING

PRELUDE The Promised Land

- arr. Joyce Jones

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP Seek First — Amy Grant, Wes King 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

- 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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

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 Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. (Chorus)

Communion Anthem Text:

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suff'ring and shame; And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it on dark Calvary. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown. In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see; for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then he'll call me some day to my home far away; his glory forever I'll share. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown. I will cling to the old rugged cross.

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. 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 CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not love you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness. For the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

have mercy on us, O God.

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

have mercy on us, O God.

For our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonestly in daily life and work,

have mercy on us, O God.

For our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

have mercy on us, O God.

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us,

have mercy on us, O God.

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

have mercy on us, O God.

Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, to your salvation, and show us your steadfast love.

Turn to us and redeem us. Turn our hearts towards you, O God, and in your mercy, hear our prayer; Amen.

*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

God of the Lenten journey, help us to discern your still, small voice. Open us to change, growth, and transformation. Send your Spirit that we might hear and obey your Word, and follow in the way of your leading. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 51:1-17 Page 452

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Chris McKee

ANTHEM Jesus Hold Me Now — Mark Hall/Bernie Herms

One Voice, Soloists Kristen Hull, Erin Skarphol

SERMON Leaning Into Lent Rev. Ann Conklin

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 – George Bennard, arr. Joel Raney

The Old Rugged Cross
Sanctuary Choir; Bea Towe, Piano

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.

Liturgist: Suzanne Engman

Greeter: Susan Durand

<u>Ushers:</u> Thank you to Bill Anderson's team. Next week: Graham Walker's team.

Special Music: This week's special music is being offered by One Voice and Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir. Next Sunday's special music will include the First Ringers and the Sanctuary Choir, with Soloist Dr. Glenn Bennett. 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: Peter Conklin

Activity bags for children are available at the back of the sanctuary. These are for use during worship.

<u>Visitors</u> are encouraged to visit the Information Kiosk by the main doors of the sanctuary to learn more about the church's programs.

<u>Audio assistance</u> 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 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Hay River Anthem

Dei Gloriam Handbell Choir

- Kevin McChesney

*DOXOLOGY PRAYER OF DEDICATION #592

SENDING

*HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

#514

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

(Tune: He Leadeth Me)

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. 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

Fanfare

- Andrew Wright

Coffee time will follow the service. The hosts today are Dennis & Darlene Sitzler. Baked goods are provided by Sharon Schroeder & Dale Gibson.

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