

March 1, 2020  
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 *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.  
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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)

*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.

**Communion Anthem Text:**

On a hill far away stood an  
old rugged cross, the emblem  
of suffering 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 com-  
mend 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 con-  
cern 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.**

\*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

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

**Ushers:** 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](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

**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](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.

**Bulletin Recycling.** If you do not

