

September 8, 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.*

**\*Please rise in body or spirit.**

PRELUDE *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* – arr. Edwin Childs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

– Travis Jones

*We're Here to Worship*

We're here to worship. We're here to sing Your praise.  
We're here to love You. We're here to seek Your face.  
Oh, God, let Your life fill this place.

We're here to worship. We're here to bless Your name.  
We're here to honor our Lord and gracious King.  
Oh, God, be enthroned in our praise. Oh, God, hear our cries.

Chorus: So come and shower down Your love.

Come and meet us with Your touch.

We yield our hearts, give You our thoughts.

We're here for only You, oh, God. (Repeat Chorus)

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN

*He Has Made Me Glad* – Leona Von Brethorst

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter His courts with praise.

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made,"

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad,

**Anthem Text:**

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter and give thanks. The stone the builders have rejected has now become the cornerstone.

This is the work, the marvelous work of the Lord. Let us rejoice, give thanks and sing. God's love is forever. I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!" Open the gates of the temple that I may come in to rejoice and sing. Give thanks and bless the holy name of God.

I will rejoice, for He has made me glad.  
He has made me glad, He has made me glad,  
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

(Repeat from beginning, singing last phrase twice.)

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Good and gracious God, you love us more than we can imagine. Your love for us, indeed for all of creation, is deeper than the ocean below and wider than the skies above. Yet we do not always put you first in our lives. The way we prioritize our time and our resources speaks volumes, saying that we love other people and activities more than we love you. Forgive us, Lord. Call us back to you, Lord. Guide us in our daily living so that we put you first. May words of thanksgiving be the first to grace our lips each morning when we rise. May prayers of supplication for our loved ones and neighbors in need rise to you from our hearts. May time spent with you become a regular part of each day. May our lives tell of our discipleship. May our actions proclaim that we have chosen to follow you and the Way of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ, in whose powerful name 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**

**Almighty God, nothing is impossible with you. By your Spirit, bring your Light to these words that we may understand what you'd like us to learn this day. Through Christ we pray; Amen.**

**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.

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 14:25-33

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**Leader:**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**

Thanks be to God.

**MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Chris McKee

**ANTHEM**

*This is The Day!*

— Allen Pote

SERMON

Rev. Ann Conklin

Sermon Series: What Disciples Believe Do  
Sermon: Disciples Take Faith Seriously

## RESPONDING

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

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*Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

COMMISSIONING AND EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE  
FOR OUR TEACHERS –

Children's Ministry, Youth, Adult Education, Wednesday WRAP  
and Musicians

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Offertory*

– Gordon Young

\*DOXOLOGY

#592

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

\*HYMN

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

#288

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

(Tune: Lancashire)

"Go, make of all disciples," we hear the call, O Lord,  
That comes from Thee, our Father, in Thy eternal Word.  
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer,  
And let our daily living reveal Thee everywhere.

POSTLUDE

*Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise* – arr. Edwin Childs

Coffee time will follow the service.

The hosts today are Deborah Rosen, Dale Gibson, Marie-Claire Cordray.  
Baked goods are provided by Mary Jean Maedche & Ron Wright.

**Liturgist:** Dave Frederick

**Ushers:** Thank you to Dennis Sitzler's team. Next week: Don Wilson's team.

**Special Music:** This week's special music is being offered by the Sanctuary Choir. Next Sunday's special music will also include the Sanctuary Choir. The complete music schedule is available at [fpc-mesa.org/worship-planning](http://fpc-mesa.org/worship-planning).

**Praise Band:** Erin Skarphol, vocals; Karen Rudin, rhythm guitar/vocals; Mark Ramsey, piano/vocals; Paul Soderquist, drums

**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](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.

**Becoming a Member.** People may become active members in one of three ways:

- ◆ Profession of Faith – those who have not been baptized and/or who have never been active members of a Christian church.
- ◆ Reaffirmation of Faith – those who have at one time been members of a Christian church and are currently inactive.
- ◆ Letter of Transfer – those who are currently active members of another Christian church.

Contact our pastor, Rev. Ann Conklin, at [pastor@fpcmesa.org](mailto:pastor@fpcmesa.org) if you are interested in participating in our next New Members Orientation class, Sunday, September 29th, from 1-3 p.m.

## Activities for the Week of September 8, 2019

<b>Today, 9/8</b>	9:00a.m. 10:15a.m. 11:00a.m. 12:15p.m.	Christian Education Sunday Worship, Sanctuary Christian Education HolyGrounds Service, Fellowship Hall Youth Pizza & Scavenger Hunt, Youth Room
<b>Monday, 9/9</b>	4:00p.m.	Eve Circle, Parlor
<b>Tuesday, 9/10</b>	9:30a.m. 12:00p.m. 1:00p.m.	Deborah Circle, Parlor Lydia Circle, Parlor Rachel Circle, Library
<b>Wednesday, 9/11</b>	8:30a.m. 5:00p.m. 5:00p.m. 6:00p.m. 7:00p.m.	Dave's Crew WRAP Adult Bible Study First Ringers, Bell Room Choir, Choir Room
<b>Thursday, 9/12</b>	6:30p.m.	Dei Gloriam, Bell Room
<b>Friday, 9/13</b>	7:00p.m.	Scouts, Youth Room

### Upcoming Events

<b>September 8</b>	Christian Education Sunday Youth Scavenger Hunt & Pizza
<b>September 12</b>	One Voice & Dei Gloriam rehearsals begin
<b>September 13</b>	D'Backs Faith & Family featuring For King & Country
<b>September 15</b>	Commissions & Session meet
<b>September 29</b>	Monthly Food Drive
<b>October 6</b>	World Communion Sunday

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