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FHPC VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

Our Vision: Living God's love.

calls us to . . .

Our Mission : Reach out to all with faith and love.

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A Covenant Order
of Evangelical
Presbyterians

July 5, 2020

9:00 AM

Communion Sunday

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Prayer of Teresa of Avila (16th Century)

Let nothing disturb you, Nothing frighten you
All things are passing, God never changes
Patient endurance attains all things
Whoever possesses God lacks nothing
God alone suffices.

PRELUDE

“A Rustic Celebration”

Joseph Martin

WORDS OF WELCOME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“An Independence Day Prayer” *Video*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bonnie Hollabaugh, Liturgist

Leader: The love of God is more splendid than
purple mountain majesties.

People: God's word of grace fills the spacious skies.

Leader: The amber waves of grain speak to us of God's
abundant care.

**People: Above the fruited plain stretches God's eternal joy
in anyone who turns from sin and follows the path
of truth.**

Leader: In every nation, in every heart, God is working for good.

**People: Let our songs rise, and let God's praise be
heard from sea to shining sea.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“America, the Beautiful”

799

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS & RENEWAL *(responsive)*

Leader: Let us come before the God who supplies our truest needs
in honesty and humility.

People: We confess to you, our Host, and before one another that we have sinned. You open your table, your realm and your arms to all creation and invite all your children to the banquet of your gracious love. We are not so open. We pick and choose who we want to eat with and, even, who we want to sit by in worship. Where you draw together, we draw lines of division. Where you share the bounty, we hoard to ourselves. Forgive us and grant us the grace of your Spirit that we may become generous as you are generous. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God is generous and does not let our sinfulness drive us from the table. Always the invitation is open to come and dine. God offers us grace, forgiveness and the power of the Spirit that we may truly live as God's children. And for this we say:

All: Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

“Gloria Patri”

813

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Excerpts from Ruth 2

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING IN COMMITMENT

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Come Share the Lord”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Excerpts from Ruth 3

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Series: What the World Needs Now

“Love on the Loose”

Bill Good

***HYMN**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

686, vs. 1, 2, 6

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

We serve non-alcoholic wine. If you are unable to come forward to receive the bread and wine, please let a communion usher know this request. Unseated Elders and Deacons serve as Communion ushers.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

***SONG OF CELEBRATION**

Alleluia

#189 (sing twice)

A PRAYER FOR FREEDOM

Leader: Today, we celebrate our freedom;

People: the freedom of our nation,

and the freedoms we enjoy

as individual citizens of this great land.

Leader: We also celebrate our freedom in Christ,

People: as children of God and members of His kingdom.

Leader: No longer are we under the tyranny of another nation;

People: nor under the tyranny of Satan.

Leader: No longer are we slaves to sin;

People: but we are a people freed by the grace of God.

Leader: In His name we rejoice and give thanks

for the freedom to live abundantly.

People: May we never take our freedom for granted,

nor be satisfied until all peoples are free.

Leader: God, our Father, may Your kingdom come

and Your will be done

People: On earth as it is in heaven.

Leader: Bring freedom to every nation.

People: And peace to every heart.

Leader: In Christ we pray.

People: Amen.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION**

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

807 vs. 1,2,4

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth” *see screen*

POSTLUDE

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Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Foundation

“An Investment Today for the Life of Our Church Tomorrow”

Listen for the Word of God as we read from The Book of Ruth – Excerpts from Chapter. 2

Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain, behind someone in whose sight I may find favor.” She said to her, “Go, my daughter.” So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. . . .

Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn.” . . . “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the LORD reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!” . . .

At mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come here, and eat some of this bread, and dip your morsel in the sour wine.” So. . . she ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. When she got up to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, “Let her glean even among the standing sheaves, and do not reproach her. You must also pull out some handfuls for her from the bundles, and leave them for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.”

So she gleaned in the field until evening. . . . Her mother-in-law said to her, “Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? . . . So she told her mother-in-law. . . . “The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.” Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “Blessed be he by the LORD, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!” Naomi also said to her, “The man is a relative of ours, one of our nearest kin.” . . .

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

“Come Share the Lord”

**Come share the Lord
We gather here in Jesus’ name,
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame,
For through His loving Son, the Father makes us one,
Come, take the bread,
Come, drink the wine,
Come share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here
Everyone belongs
Finding our forgiveness here
We in turn forgive all wrongs,**

**We are now a family
Of which the Lord is head
Though unseen, He meets us here,
in the breaking of the bread.**

**We gather here in Jesus name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through His loving Son,
The Father makes us one,
Come, take the bread,
Come, drink the wine,
Come, share the Lord**

Listen for the Word of God as we read from The Book of Ruth – Excerpts from Chapter. 3

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, . . . then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.”. . .

So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. . . . Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet, and lay down. At midnight the man was startled, and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin.” He said, “May you be blessed by the LORD, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. . . .

So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before one person could recognize another; for he said, “It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.”. . . She came to her mother-in-law, who said, “How did things go with you, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her, saying, “He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, ‘Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’ ” She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest, but will settle the matter today.”

L: The word of god for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God.

America, the Beautiful

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thorough fare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

3. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

4. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal Home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

O God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guide while life shall last,
And our eternal Home.

My Country 'Tis of Thee" #807

1.

My country 'tis of Thee,
sweet land of liberty,
of Thee I sing.

Land where my father's died,
land of the pilgrim's pride,
from every mountainside, let freedom ring.

2.

My native country, thee,
land of the noble free,
Thy name I love.

I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.

4.

Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty,
to Thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light;
protect us by Thy might
Great God, our King

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.

*With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.