



Third Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service of First Presbyterian Church of Casa Grande

9:00 am Sunday, June 13, 2021

Prelude – Arioso- Handel

Welcome and Announcements –

Call to Worship –

LEADER: May God answer us when we call.

ALL: May the God of Jacob protect us.

LEADER: May God grant you your heart's desire.

ALL: May God help fulfill all your plans.

LEADER: Some take pride in things of power.

ALL: But our joy is in the name of God.

Hymn #408 – How Firm a Foundation (Foundation)

Prayer of Confession –

ALL: O God, we confess that we have failed to follow Jesus as he has called us to. We have hidden behind the excuse that we are not influential enough, rich enough, or famous enough to make a real difference for God. We forget how God makes so many large plants grow from such little seeds. We forget how time and time again God chooses the smallest, the youngest, and most unlikely to accomplish great things. Forgive us our foolish ways and help us to act boldly even when the act seems way too small to be significant. Fill us with the power of your Spirit that we might join our Savior in claiming the world for your reign.

(Moment of silence for personal confession.) **Amen.**

Through the love and mercy of God, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Response #812 – Glory Be to the Father (Meineke)

Scripture – Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹ It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

² **proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night,**

³ to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

⁴ **For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.**

¹² The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

¹³ **planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.**

¹⁴ They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,

¹⁵ **proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."**

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer – Pastor Bill

Hymn #444 – *I Love to Tell the Story* (Hankey) verses 1, 2, 4

Scripture – Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Paul

Offering – Pastor Bill

Response #815 – *Doxology* (Old Hundredth)

Benediction – Pastor Paul

Sending Hymn #688 – *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (Bradbury) verse 2

Postlude – *Ask Me What Great Thing I Know* (Hendon)

Senior Pastor – Rev Paul Elgin

Audio/Visual – Carl Heinle, Janell Heinle

Associate Pastor – Bill Heinle

Organist – Richard Hurley

Song Leader – Travis Bott

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