



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Worship Service of First Presbyterian Church of Casa Grande

9:00 am Sunday, September 19, 2021

Prelude – *How Beautiful*

Welcome and Announcements –

Call to Worship –

LEADER: God calls us together as children.

ALL: We are God's children and God's family.

LEADER: Jesus does not call us to be self-centered and whiny.

ALL: God calls us to take our place as a lowly servant.

LEADER: Jesus sets the example for us.

ALL: If we would follow Jesus, we must serve all.

Hymn #97 – *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* (Mit Freuden Zart)

Prayer of Confession –

ALL: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. Instead of acting as servants of all with childlike faith, we have pushed others aside to get the places of honor. We have found our status from the world and not as Jesus' slaves. Forgive us and inspire us once more with your Spirit that we may truly follow Jesus. (Moment of silence for personal confession.)

LEADER: Forgive us and empower us with your Spirit to move forward in our life in Christ and in our openness about who we are. **Amen.**

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

Scripture – Psalm 1 (read responsively)

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

² **but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.**

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

⁴ **Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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

Hymn #700 – *You Are My Hiding Place* (Hiding Place)

Scripture – Mark 9:30-37

³⁰They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³²But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

³⁶He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

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Sermon – Pastor Paul

Offering – Pastor Bill

Response #815 – *Doxology* (Old Hundredth)

Benediction – Pastor Paul

Sending Hymn #232 – *God Be with You*

Postlude –

Senior Pastor – Rev Paul Elgin

Audio/Visual – Carl Heinle, Janell Heinle

Associate Pastor – Bill Heinle Pianist – June Graber Song Leader – Dick Bradley

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