

Lessons from Matthew



Worship Service of First Presbyterian Church of Casa Grande

9:00 am Sunday, September 27, 2020

Welcome – Pastor Bill

Moment for Mission – Jim Morphey

Opening Voluntary –*For the Beauty of the Earth*, Richard Hurley

Call to Worship –

O God, who brought water forth from the rock, grant us the wisdom to know that it is only in you that we can find the way to life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Confession –

Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially our quickness to speak of discipleship and our slowness to be disciples. **We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We speak so freely about being Christians and disciples of Jesus. We talk about being the Body of Christ and God's own children, and yet we so often do not act as if any of these things were true. Our actions do not match our words in so many ways. Forgive us our slowness to allow your Spirit to transform us into the image of the Christ and call us once again to faithful discipleship. Amen.** God is faithful in the call and generous with the gift of the Spirit. Let us live in the fullness of the life God offers us. Through the love and mercy of God, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Scripture – Psalm 125:1-9

¹ In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

² I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

⁴ Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.

⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶ Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Special Music –*Amazing Grace*, Paul Elgin, Cello, Richard Hurley, Piano

Scripture – Matthew 21:23-32

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹ “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹ “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Sermon – *The Authority of Jesus*, Pastor Bill

How to Support Your Church – Pastor Paul

Benediction - Pastor Bill

Postlude –*O Jesus I Have Promised*, Richard Hurley

Senior Pastor – Rev Paul Elgin

Audio/Visual – Carl Heinle

Associate Pastor – Bill Heinle, Commissioned Pastor

Pianist – Richard Hurley

Cellist – Paul Elgin

Announcements –

40 Days of Prayer Tuesday at 10:30 in room 17 and via Zoom.

The Men’s Fellowship meets at 8:00 am on Thursday mornings in room 17 and via Zoom.

Walking Group on Mondays and Thursdays 8:00 -10:00 am in the Family Life Center.

Women's Bible Study will be "zooming" Wednesdays at 10:00 the Bible Study by Max Lucado entitled, "Jesus, The God Who Knows Your Name." You can order the book and study guide on Amazon.com or Chistianbook.com. We will begin with the book first. It is a new experience for everyone with a Bible Study on zoom, but we can do it!