

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

Visitors: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments just for you at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship.

\*Joseph Pierce is the youngest of the Pierce family (Joel is the second youngest) and an extremely talented musician. Joseph received his bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona in music education. He has been a choir teacher at local Tucson high schools, and currently works as a music teacher in Berlin, Germany. Welcome, Joseph!

**Adult Sunday School:** Adult Sunday School Class meets in Classroom 5 at 8:30 a.m. before worship. Each Sunday's discussion topic will be the day's sermon scriptures.

**Rev. Mark Medina** will be holding office hours on Wednesday, July 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Posada Java, 665 S. Park Centre Ave., at La Posada.

**Flowers:** If you would like to reserve flowers (one or both arrangements) in your name for any future Service of Worship, please call the church office (625-5023) or sign up at our Information Center on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$34 for each arrangement.

**Our Tuesday Movie:** Join us Tuesday, July 24, at 1:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center. Our movie is *Coco*. *Coco* is a 2017 American 3D computer-animated fantasy film. It is a charming film that follows a 12 year-old boy named Miguel who is accidentally transported to the Land of the Dead, where he seeks the help of his deceased musician great-great-grandfather to return him to his family among the living. Ultimately, it is a story about family relationships. It also gives us insight into the Hispanic concept of Dia de los Muertos. Discussion moderated by Marcia MacDonald.

**Peace and Justice Committee:** The committee meets the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be August 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Classroom 1. All are welcome!

**Other Areas You Can Serve:**

We are in need of Owl Express Drivers! If you are interested, please contact Pam Peake at 955-2342.

Information Center Volunteers. The main focus is member sign-up for printed sermons, Sunday flowers, ID badges, and a few other tasks. The schedule is set up around volunteer availability on Sundays. Please contact Pat Bruner at 625-4176 for more information.

**Thank you to our volunteers!**

**Coffee Fellowship**

Marian Coberly, Barbara Dittmer

**Owl Express**

Dave Stepp

**Information Center**

Gayle Tompkins

**Welcome Centers**

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

**Medical Team**

Marvin Clark

**Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:**

Lee Ann Calhoun, Judy Pember

**Flowers given by:** Mary Lou Browne

In loving memory of Thomas Browne

**The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ**



Al Ackerman

July 17



**Noisy Offering** is next Sunday, July 29. Please gather up your loose change and toss it into the buckets during our noisy offering. The proceeds will go to the Green Valley and Amado Food Banks.

**Movement & Exercise:**

**Parkinson's Support/Exercise** meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.

**Chair Exercise** classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There is a fee. For more information, contact instructor Mia Cooper at 204-5264.

**Tai Chi – Yang 24 for Arthritis and Fall Prevention** classes are on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. There is a fee. For more information, contact instructor Roger Ederle at 399-0166.



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REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*

JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*

CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.

✦ All those who are able, please stand

July 22, 2018

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

O God, help us to devote our whole life, thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we were created. Amen.

**9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH** Rev. Dr. Lloyd

*Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**POURING OF THE WATER**

*L: Jesus is the Living Water. P: Praise be to God.*

**PRELUDE**

*Suite No. 3, BWV 1068  
II. Air*

J.S. Bach

**INTROIT**

*Holy Ground*

**We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(inspired by Psalm 46)

Rev. Medina

*O God, Storms rage, winds swirl—  
destroying schools, hospitals, homes and relationships.*

**Still, God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.**

*Violence comes to light in our communities  
and violence continues around the world—  
causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.*

**Yet God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.**

*For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,*

**God is a very present help in trouble.**

*Therefore, we will not fear.*

**May the God of peace live in our hearts  
and move us to fulfill love.**

**Let us worship the God of love and peace.**

✠HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* Diadem 143

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (inspired by Isaiah 65:17-25)

*We confess to each other and to You, our Creator, that we fall short of being what we have been created to be, what we have committed ourselves to be, disciples of the kingdom.*

**Hear us, forgive us,  
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

*We often seek out the easiest paths; paths of least involvement in places where we might be uncomfortable, or paths of self-centeredness.*

**Hear us, forgive us,  
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

*Forgive us for getting so caught up in the world's trappings and its false messages of hope that we lose sight of the hope of the kingdom, which brings healing and peace to a world in turmoil.*

**Hear us, forgive us,  
renew our resolve to build the kingdom of peace.**

*In this time of worship may we resolve to become more kingdom-minded to be your peacemakers here and now.*

**Hear us now, O God,  
as we bring our silent prayers of confession to you.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Jesus offered peace not just to some in specific places, but to all he encountered everywhere he went.*

**The peace of Christ must be shared if it is to be realized.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *I Lay My Sins on Jesus* Aurelia

**I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all, and frees us from the accursed load;  
I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains  
white in His blood most precious, till not a spot remains.**

ANTHEM *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach

(from Cantata BWV 147)

Sanctuary Choir; Joseph Pierce\* - conductor

Jesu, joy of man's desiring  
Holy wisdom, love most bright  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned  
With the fire of life impassioned  
Striving still to truth unknown  
Soaring, dying round Thy throne

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Please join the Choir in singing the Great Amen.*



TIME WITH CHILDREN (June-September)

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Elder Don Brooks

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*"Finding Peace in Doubtful Times"*

Rev. Medina

## MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed **P. 14**

✠HYMN *Fight the Good Fight* Duke Street **307**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*\*If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *Sonntag, Op. 47 No. 3* Johannes Brahms

Joseph Pierce - tenor

✠DOXOLOGY Old One Hundredth **592**

**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.**

## ✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Faithfulness **276**

## ✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *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 ev'ry breath 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.**

✠POSTLUDE *Bishops' Promenade* Norman Coke-Jephcott

**OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!**

## Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: *"Finding Peace in Doubtful Times"*

### Ephesians 2:11-22

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—  
<sup>12</sup>remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup>by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup>He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

### Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup>That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup>Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup>A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup>Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" <sup>39</sup>He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" <sup>41</sup>They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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