

## Online Worship Celebration

Sierra Vista United Methodist Church & Huachuca United Methodist Church

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:30 am

Livestream on our SVUMC Facebook Page

### Gathering Music

#### Welcome

#### Opening Prayer

*God of Glory, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others. Open our ears that we may hear their cries. Open our hearts that we may encourage those who suffer. Show us where love and faith and hope are needed, and use us to bring them to those places. Grant us courage for the facing of this hour. Amen.*

#### Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" UMH #529

*1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!*

*What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient,  
shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee;  
I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

#### Psalm 130 (NRSV -- read interactively)

*1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.*

*2 Lord, hear my voice!*

*Let your ears be attentive*

*to the voice of my supplications!*

*3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,*

*Lord, who could stand?*

*4 But there is forgiveness with you,*

*so that you may be revered.*

*5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,*

*and in his word I hope;*

*6 my soul waits for the Lord*

*more than those who watch for the morning,*

*more than those who watch for the morning.*

*7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!*

*For with the Lord there is steadfast love,*

*and with him is great power to redeem.  
8 It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.*

### **Offering**

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### **Offering Music**

#### **Doxology**

UMH #95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **Offering Prayer**

*God of compassion, you know our faults and yet you promised to forgive. Keep us in your presence and give us your wisdom. Open our hearts to gladness, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Bless these gifts and our service in your Kingdom. Amen.*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **John 11:1-4, 32-44 (NRSV – read interactively)**

*1Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, ‘Lord, he whom you love is ill.’ 4But when Jesus heard it, he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’*

*32When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ 35Jesus began to weep. 36So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ 37But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’*

*38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ 40Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’*

*41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ 43When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ 44The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’*

#### **Message**

“Alive & Full of Life”

Rev. Matt Ashley

#### **Hymn**

“Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

UMH #513

*1. Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies thru his eternal Son;  
strong in the Lord of Hosts, and in his mighty power,  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.*

*2. Stand then in his great might, with all his strength endued,  
but take to arm you for the fight the panoply of God;  
that having all things done, and all your conflicts passed,*

*ye may o'ercome through Christ alone and stand entire at last.*

*3. Pray without ceasing, pray,  
(your Captain gives the word) his summons cheerfully obey and call upon the Lord;  
to God your every want in instant prayer display,  
pray always, pray and never faint, pray, without ceasing pray.*

*4. From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray,  
tread all the powers of darkness down and win the well-fought day.  
Still let the Spirit cry in all his soldiers, "Come!"  
till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home.*

### **Blessing**

*May the presence of God give you strength,  
May the presence of God give you peace,  
May the presence of God give you joy,  
May the presence of God give you courage,  
May the presence of God give you hope.  
Amen.*

### **Postlude**