



Faith Presbyterian Church

Sierra Vista, AZ

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~ At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship. ~

PRELUDE *“God So Loved the World” – arr. Koerts*

GREETING One: This is the day that the Lord has made!
All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

INTROIT *“Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!” #17 (Verse 3)*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

One: God created the animals, birds of the air, fish of the sea.

All: **And the many beloved creatures who walk or crawl upon the earth.**

One: And God declared them, all to be good!

All: **The glory of a horse running, the beauty of an eagle in flight.**

One: The majesty of a dolphin leaping to display the wonder of sacred life.

All: **Oh Lord! How Wonderful are your works!**

Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** *“God of the Sparrow” #22 (verses 1, 3 & 6)*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Gracious Lord of love and grace, love and grace, today we affirm our vital connection with all living creatures. Empower us to seek their welfare, intervening where needed, defending and tending your world with grace, compassion and dignity. Forgive us when we lose sight of your covenant with us. Patient Lord of all life, guide our choices so we might safeguard habitats, ensuring, by your grace, the mysteries and beauty of nature to unfold for future generations. Forgive us when we fail to be good stewards of your earth and of all creatures. Saving Lord of all of us, your word foretells of the day when the wolf will lay down with their lamb. Help us to renew our vision for the peaceable kingdom. Hear these our prayers, gracious and loving God, for the sake of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. **AMEN**

(silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

This is the good news of the Gospel, whatever you have done, whatever you have failed to do, whoever you are, whatever you wish you were but are not: You are accepted and you are welcomed. You are washed clean through the blood of Jesus the Christ; you are raised up. In the name of Jesus the Christ, you are forgiven and you are set free. You are loved forever.

AMEN

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen*

WELCOME

We invite all our guests to identify themselves as they wish.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC “For God So Loved the World” – Martin [Faith Choir]

SCRIPTURE - Old Testament **Isaiah 11:6-9**

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

*Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.***

SCRIPTURE - New Testament Scripture Matthew 10: 16-20

¹⁶ “See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

*Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.***

SERMON **“God’s Animal Kingdom”**

RESPONSE

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

***DOXOLOGY**

*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 OF OUR OFFERINGS**

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Let All Things Now Living"* #37

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"* #378. Verse 1

*We wait the peaceful kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh,
when lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike;
a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.*

POSTLUDE – *"The Cuckoo"* - Biggs