

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 "Elergy" - Lau

GREETING One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT "We Remember You" - Dearman

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: We come, because we seek our God.

All: Every morning, every day, every evening,

every moment, God is with us.

One: We come, because we hunger for Christ.

All: Jesus will feed us with hope,

will replace our emptiness with grace.

One: We come, because we thirst for the Spirit.

All: Who fills our yearning for peace,

who ends the drought of justice.

*OPENING HYMN "Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table" #186

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

One: The thirsty come,

All: and we offer lead-filled water:

One: the hungry come,

All: and we offer a single can

from our overflowing pantries;

One: the lonely come,

All: and we cling to our cliques;

One: the broken come,

All: and we hand them an aspirin;

One: the needy come,

All: but we have wasted everything on stuff we do not need.

Have mercy on us, Steadfast love, and pour your heart into our graceparched souls. As you have been with us in every moment, may we go to be with all around us. May we listen to the needs and hearts of others, even as you lean down to listen to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

One: In every moment, God seeks what is best for us, continually offering us peace, hope, and forgiveness.

All: We will bless God in every moment, rejoicing with the One who fills us with steadfast love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

WELCOME

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME Sharon Townsend

SPECIAL MUSIC "Remember Me" - Grier/Everson

SCRIPTURE – Old Testament Isaiah 55: 6-9

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
- ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Holy wisdom, holy word, thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE – New Testament Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Holy wisdom, holy word, thanks be to God.

SERMON God's Not Mad Atcha!

Pastor Kay Childs-Travis

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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

One: May the God of the Table be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Seek God with all your hearts.

All: We bring them to the One who fills them with life.

One: Join all creation in praising our God.

All: We lift glad songs to the One whose love is constant.

*CLOSING HYMN "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" #498

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Beneath the Cross of Jesus #216 (verse 1)

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Bread of Heaven, on Thee We feed" - Diemer