

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 2022

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" - arr. Schrader

GREETING "This is the day the Lord has made!"

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - "We Are Standing on Holy Ground" #406

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 (responsively)

We are people who have been called to follow where God leads us.

By faith we can obey, even when asked to walk into an unknown future.

We are people who have been challenged to tell God's story to others.

By faith we have the ability to share the good news.

We are God's children who are invited to feast at the Table of grace.

By faith we will embrace our sisters and brothers in Christ.

* OPENING HYMN - "Let Us Build a House" #301

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

You have a vision of all people as your beloved children, Imaginative God, but we see folks whose language, dress, and skin make them different. You have a vision of a universe filled with goodness and beauty, and we damage it with litter, with violence, with poor choices. You have a vision of a Table where we can feast on your grace and hope, but we line up at the fast food counters of sin and greed.

Forgive us, Visionary of Mercy, as we confess that we are not "insiders" but immigrants searching for our true home. By faith, may we be willing to be as gracious, as compassionate, and as hopeful as you are. You love us enough to want us to be with you forever, so may we take the hand of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who leads us into your kingdom.

(silent reflection)

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

There is nothing to fear. God's hope is more tenacious than our despair; God's joy is more resilient than our grief; God's love is more compelling than our hate.

By grace, we are gathered to God. By faith, we rest in God's promises of forgiveness and restoration. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI: Glory To God - #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

WELCOME

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC: "You Raise Me Up" - Graham and Lovland

Heather Carter, Soloist (requested by a church member)

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Psalm 33:12-22

Holy wisdom, holy word, thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Luke 8:40-56

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SERMON - "A Touch Brings New Life"

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD: "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 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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 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.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Offertory on "Dundee" - Ritter

* 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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #306
- * BENEDICTION
- * BENEDICTION RESPONSE "You Shall Go Out With Joy" #80

You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;

There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap);

The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap);

The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap) while you go out with joy.

POSTLUDE "Celebration" - Paxton

