

\* CLOSING HYMN “Standing on the Promises” #838

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “Lean On Me” - Withers

*Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow.  
But, if we are wise, we know that there's always tomorrow.  
Lean on me when you're not strong,  
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on;  
For it won't be long, 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.  
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And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on;  
For it won't be long, 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.*

\* POSTLUDE “We Are Family” - Rodgers and Edwards



*Please do not leave after worship.  
There will be a photo taken of the congregation  
in the front of the sanctuary.*

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Elder Richard Carter, Guest Speaker  
Elder Dave Rockwell, Worship Leader  
Janis Wheat, Director of Music  
Debi Godwin, Choir Director  
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Order of Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

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

### CHIMES

PRELUDE “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”  
with “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” - arr. Larson

GREETING “This is the day that the Lord has made!”  
*We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

INTROIT - “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (Psalm 23) - Faith Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

The foolish say, 'there is no God.'

*We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice,  
the presence of the God who loves us.*

The scoffers of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'

*We come, in this time, because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.*

The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'

*We come, in this time, to this place,  
because Jesus has found us and brought us home.*

\* OPENING HYMN “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” #839

**\* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

*Although we believe we are experts at faithfulness, Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at doing good for others. Too often, we turn a deaf ear to the cries of people we have judged to be fools. We easily scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us.*

*How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us, and restore us to your goodness. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to find us.*

(silent reflection)

**\* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

Our actions sometimes show we do not know God. Our words and lives show we do not understand God's hopes for us. But with utmost patience, God sets aside our foolishness, and fills us with mercy.

*Mingled with faith and love, grace is poured into our sin-parched souls, giving us new life, restoring us as God's children. Thanks be to God. 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**

**PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE OF 911**

**CHILDRENS TIME** - Elder Richard Carter

**ANTHEM** - "A Family of Love" - McDonald (Faith Choir)

Congregational Part:

*We are one in God's Son. We are one, a family of love.  
We are one in God's Son. We are one, a family of love.*

*We are one in God's Son. We are one, together in our heart.  
We are one in God's Son. We are one, a family of love.....of love.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 43:18-19**

Holy wisdom, holy word, thanks be to God.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Philippians 2:1-4**

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**SERMON** "Wilderness Wandering" Elder Richard Carter

**OUR 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 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 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, for ever. Amen.*

**RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** - "When There's Love at Home" - arr. Wilson

**\* 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**