



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2022

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* - arr. Reimer
with *“Romance”* by Sibelius

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”* #469

*Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

***God's grace wipes away our tears
and knits us together as one people.***

We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

Alleluia! Amen!

*** OPENING HYMN - “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #465**

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

First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.

Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

(silent reflection)

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

Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.

*** GLORIA PATRI - Traditional**

*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

MINUTE FOR MISSION - "Peace and Global Witness Special Offering"

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

ANTHEM - *"In Blessed Communion"* - arr. Akers (Faith Tone Chime Choir)

SCRIPTURE - OLD TESTAMENT - Deuteronomy 4:5-8

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE - NEW TESTAMENT - Matthew 6:5-13

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SERMON - "Invitation to Pray"

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.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *"The Bread, the Wine, the Word"* - Southbridge

*For the bread, which thou has broken,
for the wine, which thou has poured;
for the word, which thou has spoken,
now we give the thanks, O Lord.*

~ Benson

*** 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

May the one God be with you!

And also with you!

Lift your hearts to the One who heals them.

We offer our hearts to be filled with the balm of Gilead.

Sing praises to our God who would fill us with springs of joy.

Glad songs of thanksgiving are proclaimed to the One who delivers us to new life.

* CLOSING HYMN - ***“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*** #542

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - ***“Sweet Hour of Prayer”***

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,

that calls me from a world of care,

and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known!

In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,

and oft escaped the tempter's snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

POSTLUDE ***“Toccata Brillante”*** - Kendall

