

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE "Panis Angelicus" - Franck

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT "One Bread, One Body"

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

In places like Iran and the Ukraine, where lives are lost and voices are not heard, we call to mind that faith which is passed on to us, that justice which speaks out for all people.

In border towns and communities walled in by poverty, where fears destroy families and scatter neighbors, we call to mind that hope which is passed on to us, that peace and reconciliation will rebuild communities. In neighborhoods not known, in places never mentioned, where bitter tears are shed and the lonely walk the streets, we call to mind that love which we can pass on to those forgotten by the world, including us.

^{*} OPENING HYMN - "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name" #510

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

We think if we turn off the media, we will not need to listen to the voices of our neighbors, God of all the world. We are blessed with family and friends, and so do not know the lonely. We are at ease in a world which is troubled, and so do not notice the bitter tears of others. Because we are people of affluence and privilege, we cannot understand those who are broken by the anger and brutality of the world.

Yet, you know, God of the sufferers. You hear the cries of those living in oppression, and call us to listen. Your tears mingle with those whose children lie mangled or dead in war zones, and would have us be peacemakers. Your faithfulness is great, when ours seems so futile, yet you would have us serve the world alongside your Child, Jesus, even as he served us with his life and gifts. Amen.

(silent reflection)

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Call this to mind: God is ever faithful; hope is the gift passed on to us, love is the gift we can share with others; God's mercies never come to an end. Great is God's faithfulness to all people, in all places. Thanks be to God, who has given us the promise of life in Christ Jesus our Lord! 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

ANTHEM - "We Are One in the Lord" - Martin

SCRIPTURE - OLD TESTAMENT - Psalm 133

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE - NEW TESTAMENT - Acts 2:42-47

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON - "We Are One"

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 "Bread of the World" - arr. Davis

* 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

(Communion will be served by intinction. Those who are unable to come forward will be served where they are sitting.)

May God be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who cradles our hearts in loving hands.

People of God, let us give thanks to the God who sets a Table for us.

We praise the Lord our God who welcomes us with open arms.

- * CLOSING HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" #317
- * BENEDICTION
- * BENEDICTION RESPONSE "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole wide world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

Please be seated for the congregational meeting. Members of Faith Presbyterian may vote at the designated time.

