



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 23rd Sunday after Pentecost November 13, 2022

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *"Great is the Lord"* - Smith & Smith

GREETING "This is the day that the Lord has made!"
We will rejoice and be glad in it!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *"How Great Thou Art"* #275 (verse 1)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

God is here with us today and always, our light and our salvation!

Let us praise God for all the blessings we have received!

Let us give thanksgiving and all glory to God for he is good.

The love of God for God's people endures forever!

In our times of trouble, we can turn to the Lord for comfort and aid.

Let us praise God for always being there for us and helping us when we call out his name.

Praise God with overflowing gratitude and joy!

Let us praise God and trust in him always!

* **OPENING HYMN** - *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"* #275

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

Gracious and ever-loving God, you never forsake your people, you love us unconditionally and you are always there with forgiveness and mercy. We confess that we reject your commands and sin against you and our fellows. We are dishonest and manipulative. We are selfish and self-centered. When we see someone in need we walk away, concerned only with ourselves. Forgive us Lord, let us be reconciled with you, give us the courage and strength to change and be who you want us to be.

(silent reflection)

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

Christ is the Prince of Peace, our savior and never-ending source of grace.

In the love of Christ and his forgiveness, we are redeemed and reconciled with God.

In Christ, we have love, understanding and forgiveness that passes human comprehension.

In the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are pardoned, and we receive the peace of God!

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven!

*** 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION - George Wheat

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - “Armed Forces Medley” - Traditional

(Veterans and those currently serving in the military, please stand and be recognized when your military piece is played)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 12

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Luke 21:5-19

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SERMON - "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, Present, and Future"

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

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY MUSIC *"Meditation on "Winchester Old" - arr. Ritter
(God is Our Refuge and Our Strength)*

* 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

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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.

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.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*** CLOSING HYMN - “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” #687**
(Verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” #654**

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful;

in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

*** POSTLUDE - “Finale” - Martin**

