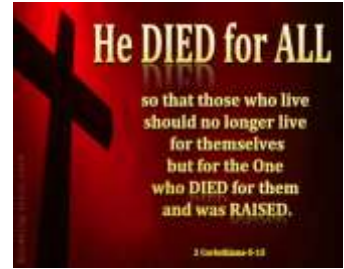




FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 2023

At the sound of the chimes, please silence your phone and prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE *"Highland Cathedral"* - Tucson Highlanders Pipes and Drums

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" - #4 (vs 1)

*Holy God, We Praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

O sing to God a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

With the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

Make a joyful noise before God, our hope and strength!

* **OPENING HYMN** *"Be Thou My Vision"* #450

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(silent reflection)

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

The one who calls light out of darkness

Now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

God's love for us knows no bounds.

God's mercy and love endure forever!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*** GLORIA PATRI - "Glory Be to the Father"**

***Glory be to the Father; and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.***

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs of reconciliation and peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace)

WELCOME

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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - "*Amazing Grace*" - Traditional
(Tucson Highlanders Pipes & Drums)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Hebrews 12:1-3
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

Two notes from Rev. Munroe on this scripture reading:

(1) Out of respect for the sacredness of God, Jewish adherents do not speak God's name but say rather, Ha Shem, which means "The Name." For a devotional of the Letter to the Hebrews, I adopted and adapted this practice.

(2) The Greek word used in this verse is *agon*, from which we derive the English "agony." The author is exhorting listeners to accept discomfort and embrace difficulty for the sake of growing into our true self.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - 2 Corinthians 5:15-21

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON “Cruciform Living”

Rev. Dr. Brad Munroe

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 - “Blue Bells of Scotland, Op. 85” - Ryder

* **DOXOLOGY** - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

* CLOSING HYMN - *“Take My Life”* #697

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”* #700

(verses 1 & 4)

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

* POSTLUDE - *“Scotland the Brave”* (Tucson Highlanders Pipes and Drums)

