



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

1st Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* - arr. Reimer
 With *"Moonlight Sonata"* by Ludwig van Beethoven
 (Requested by a church member)

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - "What Wondrous Love Is This" - #215 (vs 1)

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Tested by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus said:

You shall worship the Lord your God alone.

God's promise is for all generations.

God's covenant is with every living thing.

The word of God is near to us.

Call on the Lord and you will be saved!

*** OPENING HYMN - "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"** #166

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

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(silent reflection)

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

God's love has been poured into your hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation!

Listen, so that you may live:

the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God

*** 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.

*** 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 - "What Faith Can Do" - Davis & Krippayne
Debi Godwin - soloist

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Matthew 4:1-11
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON “Steeled to Resist”

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 - “A Lenten Meditation” - Powell

*** DOXOLOGY** - Traditional

*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 OFFERING**

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*** CLOSING HYMN - *“When We are Tested”* #783**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“God Be With You Till We meet Again”***

#542 (verses 1 & 3)

***God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.***

***God be with you till we meet again; when life’s perils thick confound you.
Put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.***

*** POSTLUDE - *“Postlude in D minor, No. 16”* - Proehl**