



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Ah, Holy Jesus” - Smith
Duet - Deb Koltveit, piano & Janis Wheat, organ

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

INTROIT - “There is a Redeemer” (Faith Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Our faith depends upon the grace of God.

Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.

Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

We take up the cross to follow him.

Let us praise God in whose love we find strength!

Sing praises to the Lord now and forever!

*** OPENING HYMN - “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #223**

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy

on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

(silent reflection)

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

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you 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

ANTHEM - *“For God So Loved the World”* - Martin (Faith Choir)

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Genesis 12:1-4a
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - John 3:1-17
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON “The Lord God is an Everlasting Rock”

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 - “*The Old Rugged Cross*” - arr. Boyd
Piano Duet: Deb Koltveit & Janis Wheat

*** 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.*

* CLOSING HYMN - *“To God Be The Glory”* #634

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”* #216 (verses 1)

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please be seated for the short congregational meeting.

* POSTLUDE - *“Recessional”* - Saxton

