



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

4th Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” arr C. Walz

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - “Let Us Break Bread Together” - #525 (vs 3)

*Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
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When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

Praise the Lord, and all the Lord’s angels;

Praise God, and all God’s host!

Let us praise God every day as we walk along on our Lenten journey

Let us rejoice in the glory of God

Let us rejoice in the Risen Son of God!

*** OPENING HYMN “Your Only Son” #518**

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious and ever-loving God, as we deepen our reflection on our lives this Lent, we acknowledge to you the harms we have caused to those around us. We have gossiped, we have been cruel and dishonest in our words and actions. We have caused separation with you Lord with our

sins. 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)

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love

In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us O God.

Against you we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us O God.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*** 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. 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 - “*When Morning Dawns*” Consolation arr. Lauran Delancy
(Faith Tone Chimes Choir)

SCRIPTURE - OLD TESTAMENT - Psalm 23

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

SCRIPTURE - NEW TESTAMENT - John 9:1-41

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

SERMON “Don’t Forget to be Flexible”

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 - "Gethsemane Hymn" arr. By David Winkler

*** 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**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* **CLOSING HYMN** - ***“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”*** #490

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - ***“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*** #166

***And through these days of penitence,
and through this Passion-tide, yes, evermore,
in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.***

* **POSTLUDE** - ***“Like a Lamb”*** by Mary Kay Beall