

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

May the God of mornings be with you.

***May the God of evenings be with you.***

Do not fear, but open your hearts to God.

***We offer them to the One who is our living hope.***

Rejoice! The Lord of life is always with us.

***We sing glad thanksgivings to our God.***

Determined never to abandon us, you sent Jesus, to make known to us the ways of life which you offer. With those who saw and witnessed, with those who have not seen, yet believe, we sing with glad hearts to you:

***Holy, holy, holy are you, God of our evenings.***

***All creation rejoices in the good news of Easter.***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

***Blessed is the One who stands among us.***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

As we believe, though we have not seen; as we rejoice in that living hope which is ours; we speak of faith, that mystery more precious than gold:

***Christ died, believing what he could not see;***

***Christ was raised, becoming our living hope;***

***Christ will come, bringing our inheritance kept for us***

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**\* CLOSING HYMN - "He Lives" (see insert)**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" #248**  
(Verse 2)

***Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair;***

***Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.***

***Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.***

***Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.***

**POSTLUDE "Festal Postlude" - Powell**

**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



Kay Childs-Travis, Guest Pastor  
Elder Johnnie Travis, Worship Leader  
Janis Wheat, Director of Music  
Debi Godwin, Choir Director



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**Order of Worship**

**BRIGHT SUNDAY**

**April 16, 2023**

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

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE** "He Lives" - arr. Koerts

**INTROIT** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" (Faith Choir)

**GREETING**

**One:** This is the day that the Lord has made!

**All:** ***Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The whole creation rejoices;**

**the birds sing from every tree.**

Alleluia! Christ is in our midst!

**Babies babble with sounds of joy;**

**words cannot express our overflowing hearts.**

Alleluia! Christ is our light forever!

**Breathing peace on us in these moments;**

**surrounding us with grace and hope.**

**\* OPENING HYMN - "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" #254**

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

*Hear the echoes of our locked hearts, Path of Life. We cross the borders into temptation and never seem to find our way back. We multiply the sorrows of others by our hurtful words and the harmful deeds we do. We see the ones you would give us to serve, but believe we do not have the abilities to care for them.*

*Have mercy on us, God whose Breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand in our midst, offering us that grace which can heal us, that hope which can enliven us, and that faith which enables us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

(silent reflection)

**\* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

It is God's great mercy through the resurrection of Jesus which gives us that hope which lives within us.

*Thanks be to God for this precious gift by which we are able to believe and rejoice in our inheritance. Amen*

**\* 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.*

**THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS**

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDRENS TIME** - Elder Richard Carter

**ANTHEM** - "Brighter Than the Sun" - Helgen (Faith Choir)

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 111**

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

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – John 20:19-31**

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**SERMON**

**"Ants in the Pants"**

**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 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 OF 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 forever. Amen.*

**RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY "Easter Lilies" - Southbridge**

*"Flowers in ev'ry pasture, leaves on ev'ry bough, speak of sorrows ended; Jesus triumphs now!"*

John Ellerton, 1868

**\* 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!*