

* DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, 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 AND OURSELVES

* CLOSING HYMN - "How Great Thou Art" #625

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - "Shine Jesus, Shine" - #192 (refrain only)

*Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

POSTLUDE "The Cuckoo" - D'Aquin

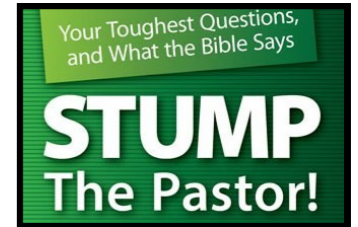


FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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Order of Worship

4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE "A Sunday in Spring" Chesterton

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "This is the Day"

*This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.
Christ lays down his life for the sheep.
The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;
he will guide us to the water of life!
All glory and honor goes to God the most high!
May we praise God's glory and goodness forever!

* OPENING HYMN - *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* #15

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

All of us, like sheep, have gone astray,
but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

Hear the good news of God’s promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God

* GLORIA PATRI *“Glory to God”* #582

*Glory be 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.*

*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.)

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 Bill Brouwer

ANTHEM - *“Ever Present, Ever Faithful”* - arr. Rouse
Duet - Debi Godwin & Paul Lewis

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 100

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Acts 2:42-47

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

SERMON “Stump the Pastor”

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 *“Song of the Quail”* (from *“The Musical Clocks”*) - Haydn