

\* CLOSING HYMN - *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* - #12

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“Our God is an Awesome God”* - #616  
(sing twice)

*Our God is an awesome God  
Who reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love,  
Our God is an awesome God!*

\* POSTLUDE *“Oh, Worship the King”* - arr. Frank

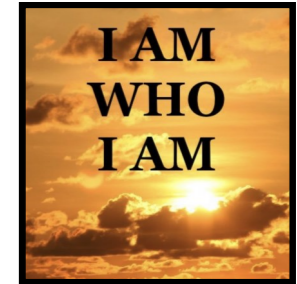


## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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Order of Worship

6th Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

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

### CHIMES

PRELUDE *“Rejoice the Lord is King with “Invention No. 8” by J.S. Bach – arr. Reimer*

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!

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

INTROIT *“A Mother Lined a Basket” – Keithahn & Horman [Faith Choir]*

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

Bless our God, O peoples;

***let the sound of his praise be heard,***

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
***and I will tell what he has done for me.***

I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

***Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.***

\* OPENING HYMN - *“I Need Thee Every Hour”* - #735

### \* 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.***

~ Let us take a few minutes for silent reflection ~

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

Hear the good news!

***Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.***

Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Thanks be to God.***

**\* 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.***

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**\*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 Richard Carter

**ANTHEM** - "I Thank My God for You" - Martin (Faith Choir)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

***Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.***

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 115**

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

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Acts 17:22-31**

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**SERMON "I Am Who I Am"**

**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** "When There's Love at Home" - Wilson

**\* DOXOLOGY** - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" - #609

***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**