

* 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

* CLOSING HYMN - *“Victory in Jesus”* (See insert)

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“That Old-Time Religion”* - Traditional

CHORUS

Give me that old-time religion, give me that old-time religion,
Give me that old-time religion, it’s good enough for me.

It was good for the Hebrew children, it was good for the Hebrew children,
It was good for the Hebrew children, and it’s good enough for me.

CHORUS

It will carry us to heaven, it will carry us to heaven,
It will carry us to heaven, and it’s good enough for me.

CHORUS

* POSTLUDE *“Mansion Over the Hilltop”* - Stanphill



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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Elder Gene Raymond, Worship Leader
Janis Wheat, Director of Music
Debi Godwin, Choir Director



Order of Worship

7th Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“Amazing Grace”* – arr. Schrader

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

INTROIT *“Do Lord”* - Traditional (Faith Choir and Congregation)
*I’ve got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
I’ve got a home in glory land that outshines the sun.
I’ve got a home in glory land that outshines the sun, way beyond the blue.*
REFRAIN
*Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh do remember me.
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh do remember me.
Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh do remember me, way beyond the blue.*
*I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too, way beyond the blue.*
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*CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

We gather today to gather our voices in praise of you God!
You are our rock and our redeemer always!
We sing with joyful hearts at the salvation you offer in Jesus Christ.
You are our rock and our redeemer always!
By your power and strength we are brought to new life!
May your people praise your glory today and always!

* OPENING HYMN - *“Because He Lives”* (see insert)

*** 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! As people born of water and the Spirit we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God’s grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*** 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.*

***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 - “Every Praise” - Walker & Bratton (Faith Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – To Be Announced

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Mark 1:1-11, 14-15

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

SERMON “Euangelion”

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 “One Day at a Time” - Wilkin & Kristofferson

The Back Row Boys