

* BENEDECTION

* BENEDECTION RESPONSE - "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #724 (verse 1)

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.*

* POSTLUDE - "To God Be the Glory" - Barry



**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

5th Sunday of Pentecost

July 2, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE "Lord I Need You" - arr. Cumberland

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" #337
(Verses 1 & 4)

***CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)**

Eternal God,
we worship and adore you.
You are the power within all things.
Eternal God,
we worship and adore you.
You are the wisdom beyond all minds.
Eternal God,
we worship and adore you.
You are the love revealed in the cross.
Eternal God,
we worship and adore you!

*** OPENING HYMN - "Take My Life" #697**

*** THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

~ Let us take a few minutes for silent reflection ~

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

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

*** GLORIA PATRI - Traditional**

Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to 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)**

Jesus said to the disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." 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

**SPECIAL MUSIC - "I'll Walk With God" - Brodsky
Lisa Tuttle - Soloist**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 96:1-9

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – John 20:11-18

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SERMON "Mary Magdalene, Apostle of the Good News"

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, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "He is Lord" - Vogt

*** 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**

*** CLOSING HYMN - "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" - #338**