

* 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!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING

* CLOSING HYMN - *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* - #307

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, brothers all are we;

let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;

with every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

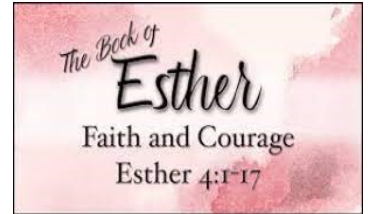
* POSTLUDE - *“A Song of Triumph”* - Paxton



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SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Janis Wheat, Director of Music
Debi Godwin, Choir Director



Order of Worship

6th Sunday of Pentecost

July 9, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“Praise the Lord on High”* - Sawyer

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *“In My Life Lord, Be Glorified”* #468 (vs 1 & 4)

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

*CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Who will save us from the ways of death?

Jesus Christ our Lord; thanks be to God!

God’s grace is sufficient for us;

in Christ, the weak are made strong.

Weeping may linger for the night,

but joy comes with the morning!

In whom may we take courage?

In the Lord Jesus Christ we take courage forever!

* OPENING HYMN - *“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”* #829

*** 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)**

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of 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.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven 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 - "Battle Belongs" - Wickham/Johnson
Debi Godwin - solo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Testify to us, O God, by the voice of your Spirit. Put your law in our hearts, write your word in our minds, and show your will in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Esther 4:1-17

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Ephesians 6:10-17

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

SERMON "The Courage of Esther"

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 - "God's Great Grace" - Curtis