

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May these elements you have given us strengthen us in love and help us to serve you and each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. *Amen.*

* **CLOSING HYMN** - *"This Is My Song"* #340

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"*

(repeat each line 3 times followed by the last line below)

*He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the itty bitty baby in His hands,
He's got you and me brother in His hands,
He's got you and me sister in His hands,
(last line of each verse)
He's got the whole world in His hands.*

* **POSTLUDE** - *"Shout to the North!"* Smith



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

Rev. Brian R. Louis, Pastor
Elder Judy Pike, Worship Leader
Janis Wheat, Director of Music
Debi Godwin, Choir Director



Order of Worship

18th Sunday of Pentecost

October 1, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *"Medley of Communion Songs from Around the World"* (see insert)

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

INTROIT - *"Sound a Mystic Bamboo Song"* (#323 verses 1-3) Faith Choir

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

Let every tongue confess the good news:

Jesus Christ is Lord; glory to God!

Let our words and thoughts be acceptable to God;

the Lord is our rock and our redeemer.

Throughout the earth let our songs of praise be heard!

Join together all Christians in thanksgiving for our Lord Jesus Christ!

* **OPENING HYMN** - *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* #317

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

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where there is peace and love for all. But we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. O Lord Our God, you call on us to love one another, all our brothers and sisters around the world, but instead we judge and are harsh. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

~ 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)**

May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance. 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 - "One World, One Communion" – Choplin Faith Choir

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 – Psalm 25:1-9

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Ephesians 4:1-6

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

SERMON "We are All on The Way"

*** 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

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "Panis Angelicus" - Franck

*** 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**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks and praise to you O God for all your works. You created the world and called us to be your people. Through the centuries you have spoken through the prophets and gave us your son, Jesus the Christ. You made a covenant with us, and even in our sin you loved us still and remained faithful to us. Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise: