

- * PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING
- * CLOSING HYMN - *“A Christian Home”* - (see insert)
- * BENEDICTION
- * BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“The Family of God”* (see insert)
(refrain - verse 1 - refrain)
- * POSTLUDE - *“Trumpet Tune”* - Setchell

Please stay in the sanctuary after the worship service for a “Faith Family” photo.

After the photo, go to Stevenson Hall for a potluck lunch and sing-a-long!



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Debi Godwin, Choir Director



Order of Worship

15th Sunday of Pentecost

September 10, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”* - arr. Blake

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

INTROIT - *“The Family of God”* - Gaither

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Let us sing a song to God in praise and thanksgiving;
We lift our hearts in gratitude to worship your Holy Name!
You are a loving parent to us all, our God;
In you alone we worship and to whom we give our lives!
Your grace and love we cannot comprehend;
In you alone dear God we give all the glory and praise!

* **OPENING HYMN** - *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”* #306

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O dear and gracious God, we come to you in gratitude for your love and forgiveness. We are not perfect, and we fall in our behavior. We can be mean and thoughtless with our families sometimes. We can be selfish and deny our loved ones our attention and affection. We are dishonest sometimes, or we lie by omission. Help us gracious God, to see our faults and sins. In you alone we give all praise and glory because we know of your unending love and grace. We pray dear God to forgive our sins and help us to do your will alone.

~ Let us take a few minutes for silent reflection. ~

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

Even though we sin, we have faith in the forgiveness of God.

Let us give thanks for the Lord's mercy, for God alone is good!

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life is gone, and the new life has begun.

The Peace of Christ be with you!

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)**

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

ANTHEM - "A Family of Love" - McDonald

Congregation sings when directed:

***We are one, in God's son,
We are one, a family of love.
We are one, in God's son,
We are one, a family of love.***

***We are one, in God's son
We are one, together in our heart.
We are one, in God's son,
We are one, a family of love.
(slower)...a fam-i-ly of love!***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

In your grace Lord, guide our thoughts and minds closer to you and your Word and may its wisdom and truth be emblazoned on our hearts, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Ruth 1:15-18; 22

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Mark 3:20-35

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

SERMON "What Does the Bible Say About . . . Family?"

*** 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 - "When There's Love at Home" - arr. 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!