

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

19th Sunday of Pentecost

October 8, 2023

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

## CHIMES

PRELUDE “The Shepherd of the Flock” - Martin

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

INTROIT - “Shepherd of Love” - Peterson - Faith Choir

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,  
**and the courts of God with praise;**  
Give thanks and bless God’s holy name!  
**For the Lord is good; God’s love is eternal,**  
and God’s faithfulness has no end.  
**Let us praise the Lord today and every day!**

\* OPENING HYMN - “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” #187

## \* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

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

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

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: In 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

**ANTHEM** - *"The Lord is My Shepherd"* - Goodall - Faith Choir

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

***Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

## **OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 23**

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

## **NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Romans 8:31-39**

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

**SERMON** "God is With Us, We Can Do it Now"

**\* 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** - “Kum Ba Yah, My Shepherd” - arr. Rogers

**\* 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** - “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” - #353

**\* BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *“May the God of Hope Go with Us”* #765

*May the God of hope go with us every day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all;  
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

\* **POSTLUDE** - *“Praise Him with Pipes”* - Logan

