

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** - *"Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee"* #611

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"* #654

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Please be seated)

* **POSTLUDE** - *"Toccata for a Feast Day"* - Smith



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

Rev. Brian R. Louis, Pastor
Elder Gene Raymond, Worship Leader
Janis Wheat, Director of Music
Debi Godwin, Choir Director
Jeff Durham, Video Tech



Order of Worship

25th Sunday of Pentecost

November 19, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* - Koury

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *"Give Thanks"* #647 (Faith Choir)

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

The Lord is kind and merciful,
Let us lift our voices in thanksgiving to our loving God!
God loves all of God's children,
Let us give thanks for God's merciful love!
The Lord is our rock and our refuge,
We fear nothing for God is with us always!

* **OPENING HYMN** - *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* - #14

* **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. Fill our hearts with gratitude for your ever-abiding love, and restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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

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

If we have died with Christ,

We believe that we will also live with him.

Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin,

We give thanks for the joy we receive in mercy and forgiveness!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*** GLORIA PATRI -**

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)**

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 - *"We Gather Together"* - Perry - (Faith Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – 1 Chronicles 16:8-13, 23-27

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Matthew 6:25-34

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

SERMON "Increasing Gratitude, Increasing Faith"

*** 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 - *"Bread of the World"* - Davis

*** 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: