

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Crown Him with Many Crowns and Rejoice, the Lord is King”
with Clarke’s “Trumpet Voluntary” arr. Ham

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

INTROIT “He is King of Kings” (Faith Choir)

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

The Lord is God; we are God’s people.

We are the sheep of God’s pasture.

Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

To God be glory forever and ever!

In Christ all things hold together;

he is head of the church and Lord of all!

* OPENING HYMN - “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #65

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption. In the name 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)**

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION - George Van Otten

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

ANTHEM - “*How Marvelous Are the Works*” Angerman & Martin (Faith Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Deuteronomy 1:27-33

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Matthew 14:22-33

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

SERMON “**Faith or Fear: It’s a Choice**”

*** 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 - *"The Sanctuary of God"* - Southbridge

*** 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** - *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* #263

* BENEDECTION

* BENEDECTION RESPONSE - *“Lead On, O King Eternal!”* #269 (verse 3)

*Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears;
Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!*

* POSTLUDE - *“Triumphal March”* - Stickles

