



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“The Master Has Called Us”* - arr. Peterson

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *“Come to the Table”* #507 (Verse 2 and 5)

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

We proclaim the message of the cross:

this is the wisdom and power of God.

For God alone my soul waits in silence.

Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.

Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

May the word of God be fulfilled among us! Let us worship the Lord!

* OPENING HYMN - *“God Is Calling Through the Whisper”* #410

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

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

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

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace 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

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - “As We Gather at Your Table” arr. Ingram (Faith Tone Chimes)

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 – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Mark 1:14-20

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

SERMON “Take Heed of the Call”

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 again 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.

~ ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION NEW RULING ELDERS ~

Susan Powers Debbie Wyatt

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"* arr. Paxton

* 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 OFFERINGS

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

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:

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

We give you thanks that on the night before he died, the Lord took bread in his hands; and, after giving thanks to you, he broke it, saying: This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 - "Here I Am, Lord" #69**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE - "You Shall Go Out With Joy"**

***You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.***

***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap);
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap);
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap) while you go out with joy.***

***You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.***

*** POSTLUDE - "Petite Marche Brillante" - Roe**