



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” – Peterson

GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground” [Faith Choir]

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!

* OPENING HYMN - “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” – #193

* 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)

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!***

* **GLORIA PATRI** - *Glory to God* – #582

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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 - “*Jubilee!*” – arr. Helgen [Faith Choir]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear your Word and obey your will. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 136:1-9, 26

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Mark 9:2-9

The grass withereth and the flower fadeth, but the word of the Lord lives forever. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON “**Mountain Tops and Valley Lows**” - Rev. Jim Wallace

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD adapted from “**A Brief Statement of Faith**”

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 - "Worship" – 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!

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING**

*** CLOSING HYMN** - "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" – #192

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - Variation on "We Will Rock You" – May
**Jesus Christ, our Lord and King;
On the cross He bore our sin.
But, He's alive to come again.
Praise the Lord! Amen! Amen!**

**He will... He will... Rock You!
He will... He will... Rock You!**

*** POSTLUDE** - "Make A Joyful Noise" – Viner