



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE

"In Memory, Lord, of Thee – Southbridge

*Blest feast of love divine!
'tis grace that makes us free
To feed upon this bread and wine,
In memory, Lord, of Thee!
~ Early 19th century, Anonymous ~*

GREETING

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

INTROIT

"Eat This Bread" – #527 [Faith Choir]

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

* OPENING HYMN - "The Glory of These Forty Days" – #165

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O God, our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs, carrying us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our

own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Guide our paths that we might follow you more closely. Have mercy on us O Lord, we pray.

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

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

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them and show them my salvation. Receive the Good news of the gospel: ***In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!***

GLORIA PATRI: *Traditional*

Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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—Elder Rhonda Unicume

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - “From An Upper Room – Martin [Faith Choir]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of call, God of transformation, God of the Lenten journey, help us to discern your still, small voice. Open us to change and growth, that we may walk with Christ. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 25:1-10

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Revelation 3:1-6

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SERMON “Revelations on Revelation Part 2”

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

SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY – “Solemn Meditation” – Macklin

*** DOXOLOGY – Traditional**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

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.

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

* **CLOSING HYMN** - “*Your Only Son (Lamb of God)*” – #518

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days* – #166
(verses 1 & 3)

* **POSTLUDE** - *Postlude in D minor, No. 14* – Proehl