



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “*The Old Rugged Cross*” – arr. Raney

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT: “*There Is a Redeemer*” – #443 (verse 1) - Faith Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Live as children of the light.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the source of our light!

The Lord of life is lifted up!

Let us look to Christ and live.

In Christ there is a new creation.

The old has passed away; everything is new

* **OPENING HYMN** - “*Glory to His Name*” – *Insert*— (Down at the Cross)

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior

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

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

God's love has been poured into your hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God!***

*** 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION — Elder George Van Otten

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - "Thank You for the Valleys" – Berry - Faith Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JUDY

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Numbers 21:4-9

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - John 3:14-21

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

SERMON "Salvation"

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 - "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" – Wells

*** 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.***

JUDY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING

* CLOSING HYMN - *“To God Be the Glory”* – #634

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”* – #216 (verse 2)

* POSTLUDE - *“Allegretto”* – W.F. Bach

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please stay for a brief congregational meeting to vote on whether we will expand the number of people serving to 12 from 9 on the Board of Deacons and Ruling Elders on Session.