



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 5th Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded with Beethoven’s Symphony No. 7,
Second Movement – arr. Ham

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said “ – #718
(verses 1 & 3)

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in Christ will never die.
The Lord makes a new covenant with us.
We are God’s people; the Lord is our God.
Keep pressing on toward the goal:
the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ

* OPENING HYMN - “The Old Rugged Cross” – Insert

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

~ 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

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - *“Celtic Dance on Pleading Savior”* – Tucker - Faith Tone Chime 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

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 51:1-12

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - John 12:20-33

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SERMON “The Sacrifice of the Cross” - Rev. Brian R. Louis

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 – “In the Hour of Trial” – Denton ~ A Meditation ~

*** 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** - "*Lift High the Cross*" – #826

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - "*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*" – #216 (verse 3)

*** POSTLUDE** - "*Voluntary*" – Himmel