



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Violin Concerto in F Minor, Largo (“Winter”) – Vivaldi (“The Four Seasons”)

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

INTROIT: “Our God Is an Awesome God” – #616 - Faith Choir
HEATHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Lord God, we have come to worship you as sinners in need of your forgiveness.
We come tired from our work, in need of refreshment and re-creation.
Allow us to see you with the eyes of faith, and to hear with the ears of understanding what you say to us.

Make us thankful for all the good we have received from you.

Awaken in us a longing to do what is right.

And make us aware of the great company, past, present, and to come, with whom we join to worship you!

* OPENING HYMN - “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” – #213

HEATHER

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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

HEATHER

*** 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 - 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 - “A Lenten Prayer” – Larson Faith Choir

HEATHER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God, source of all light, by your Word give light to our lives. Amen.

HEATHER

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Exodus 20:1-17

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - John 2:13-22

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

SERMON “Dear Apostles, I Apologize”

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.

HEATHER

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "Pure and Holy, Offered in Sacrifice" – Telemann

*** 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 OFFERING**

* **CLOSING HYMN** - “*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*” – insert

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus* – #216 (verse 1)

* **POSTLUDE** - “*Voluntary*” – Andre