

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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Debi Godwin, Choir Director  
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\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

\* CLOSING HYMN - "For the Beauty of the Earth" #14

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - "Let There Be Peace On Earth"  
*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;  
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

POSTLUDE - "Postlude on 'Kingsfold'" – Paxton



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Order of Worship

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *Immortal, Invisible with Handel's Water Music (Allegro Maestoso) –*  
arr. Ham"

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "This Is the Day"

*This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made,  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made.*

GREETING - Pastor: He is risen!!  
People: "He is risen indeed!"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.  
*You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbor as yourself.*  
O praise the Lord with me,  
*let us exalt God's name together*  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
*the whole earth is full of God's glory*

\* OPENING HYMN - "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" - #1

**\* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

***Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

(Please take a moment for silent confession)

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

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! ***Thanks be to God***

**\* GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father”**

***Glory be to the Father; and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs of reconciliation and peace. 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDRENS TIME** - Elder Richard Carter

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - “Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)” – Bleecker & Hall - Faith Choir

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (responsively)**

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

**HYMN** - “Amazing Grace” #649

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Matthew 7:1**

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

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Luke 10:25-28**

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

**SERMON** - “My Last Sermon” Rev. Dr. John Stevenson

**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 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 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** - “Be Thou My Vision” – arr. Broughton

**\* DOXOLOGY** - “Our God Is an Awesome God” – #616 (with repeat)