



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “*Let Us Break Bread Together*” – arr. Young

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.
Christ lays down his life for the sheep.
The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;
he will guide us to the water of life.

* **OPENING HYMN** - “*One Bread, One Body*” #530

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name’s sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

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

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

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is 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.***

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***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 - *"The Path of Life"* - Krug - Faith Tone Chime Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Shine within our hearts, loving Lord, with the true light of your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our minds, that we may comprehend the message of your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 80:1-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - John 10:11-18

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

SERMON "The Good Shepherd"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY – “*The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want*” with “*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*” – arr. Larson

* **DOXOLOGY** – “*Our God Is an Awesome God*” – #616 (sing twice)
***Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!***

*** 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 - *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* #187

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"* #542

***God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.***

* POSTLUDE - *"A Morning Trumpeting"* – Ritter