



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” – arr. Schrader

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

INTROIT - “All Things Bright and Beautiful – #20 (verse 1) - Faith Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!

Praise the Lord, sun and moon;

Praise God, all you shining stars!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

Praise the Lord!

* **OPENING HYMN -** “God of the Sparrow” #22

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creator God, we confess that all too often we have ignored and denied your lordship of the land entrusted to us by assuming the right to do with it as we please, by taking more from it than we have returned to it, by taking for granted its productivity. We have abused the earth you have given us, we have littered and polluted. Lord of the church, have mercy on us. Grant us peace with you and with each other in Christ. Amen.

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

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Our world, broken and scarred, still belongs to God. God holds it together and gives us hope. God will be all in all, righteousness and peace will flourish, everything will be made new. 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 to God” – #582

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Elder Rhonda Unicume

NAMI Walk for March for Mental Health
Pentecost Offering
Coin Jar Collection

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - “And Can It Be?” – Forrest - Faith Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord God, at the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the waters. So send your Spirit to us now to open our hearts and minds to receive the re-creating power of your Word. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Romans 1:20

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

SERMON “The Creativity of God”

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 – “*Song of the Quail*” (from “*The Musical Clocks*” - Minuet) – Haydn

* **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**

* **CLOSING HYMN** - “*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*”

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* **BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *You Shall Go Out with Joy***

***You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will
clap their hands***

***And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap);
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap).
The trees of the field will clap their hands (clap) while you go out with
joy.***

***You shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will
clap their hands.***

*** POSTLUDE - "*All Creatures of Our God and King*" – arr. Breverst**

