

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE "Reverie at Dawn" - Broughton

GREETING This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: "Surely the Presence" (Congregation sings)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Surely the Lord is in this place!

This is the house of God.

In Christ we are no longer strangers;

we are members of the household of God.

Christ is the image of the invisible God;

in him the fullness of God came to dwell.

* OPENING HYMN - "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" #509

* 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. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. 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)

The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! *Thanks be to God.*

* 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 - "Fill Me Now" - arr. Gaulke Lilly Walton, flute solo

Hover o'er me, Holy Spirit, Bathe my trembling heart and brow; Fill me with Your hallowed presence, Come, O come and fill me now.

~ Stokes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Galations 2:1-10

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "With the Courage of Paul"

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 OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "The Sacred Hour" - Mendelssohn, arr. Blak

* 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.

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 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #761
- * 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 - "Andante" - Czemy