



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *"Psalm of Glory"* - Wells

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
With the lyre and the sound of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

* OPENING HYMN - *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* #307

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O Divine God, creator of all that is, we pray for forgiveness for the sins we have done against your commandments. We confess that we have done wrong, we have lied, we have cheated, we have disobeyed your command to love our neighbor. We have intentionally done things against your law and have willfully sinned against you. Have mercy on us Lord, instill in us a desire to sin no more and be your faithful servants. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

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

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

Gracious and ever-loving God we give thanks for your compassion.

The Lord is kind and merciful!

Even with our frequent sins and failings, you love us still.

The Lord is kind and merciful!

In Jesus Christ, we are 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

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - “*My Heart, Your Home*” - Nockels and Nockels

Debi Godwin, solo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Dear God, we pray that you open our hearts and minds to what you have to say to us today in Holy Scripture. In the name of Jesus, we pray! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 29:13-14

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Galations 1:1-10

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

SERMON “To Whom Be the Glory Forever and Ever”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD—adaptation of “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. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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. 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 - “More Precious Than Silver” - DeShazo

*Lord, You are more precious than silver,
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.*

*** DOXOLOGY - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” - #609**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

*** CLOSING HYMN - “To God Be the Glory” #634**

*** 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 - “God the Omnipotent” - Thygerson**