

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” - Young

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” - #240 (vs 3)

Alleluia, alleluia! give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! give praise to his name.

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

If God is for us, who can be against us?
Nothing can separate us from God’s love.
The Lord upholds those who are falling;
God raises those who are bowed down.
Our God and protector loves us all;
Let us sing praises to our God!

* OPENING HYMN - “Have Mercy, God, upon My Life” - #421

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

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

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through 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)

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 - “*Faith Unlocks The Door Medley*” - Scott and Sande
Duet - Lisa Tuttle and George Van Otten

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 – Psalm 51

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Galations 2:15-21

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

SERMON “We Are Saved In God’s Grace”

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 - *"The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference"* - Gaither & Gaither
Duet - Lisa Tuttle and George Van Otten

* **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** - *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* - #366

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *"May the God of Hope Go with Us"* - #765

May the God of hope go with us every day,

Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all;

Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

* **POSTLUDE** - *"Andante"* - Czemy

