

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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Order of Worship 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Create Within Me a Clean Heart” - Moore

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” - #279 (vs.1&4)

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers.
Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Savior’s love, and that shall kindle ours.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen
Let us hear what the Lord will speak.
God will speak peace to the faithful.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Happy are those who trust in God!

* OPENING HYMN - “Come! Live in the Light!” - #749

* 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. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

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

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. ***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

(Children's church is available during worship for ages 0 - 10.)

SPECIAL MUSIC - ***“Wings of a Dove”*** - Ferguson George Wheat, solo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Micah 6:6-8

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Galatians 5:13-26

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

SERMON “Freedom to Serve”

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 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 - *"Spirit Song"* - Wimber

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*** 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** - *"I've Got Peace like a River"* - #623

*** 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** - *"Spirit of God"* - Ritter