

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Just A Closer Walk With Thee” - arr. Schrader

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: “*This Is The Day*” (Congregation sings)

*This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbor as yourself.

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it;

the world, and those who live in it.

O praise the Lord with me,

let us exalt God’s name together!

* **OPENING HYMN** - “????” Hymn from purple hymnal will be picked out of a hat.

* **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. Amen.

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

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

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ. 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

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - “*Mansion Over the Hilltop*” - Stanphill
George Van Otten, solo

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Shine within our hearts, loving Lord, with the true light of your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our minds, that we may comprehend the message of your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STUMP THE PASTOR PART 1

HYMN - “?????” Hymn from purple hymnal will be picked out of the hat.

STUMP THE PASTOR PART 2

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 - “Softly and Tenderly” - Thompson

* 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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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** - "?????" Hymn from purple hymnal will be picked out of the hat

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *"That Old Time Religion"* - Traditional

CHORUS

***Give me that old-time religion, Give me that old-time religion,
Give me that old-time religion, It's good enough for me***

***It was good for the Hebrew children, It was good for the Hebrew children,
It was good for the Hebrew children, And it's good enough for me.***

CHORUS

***It was good for our fathers, it was good for our mothers,
It was good for our brothers and sisters, And it's good enough for me.***

CHORUS

***It will carry us to heaven, It will carry us to heaven,
It will carry us to heaven, And it's good enough for me.***

CHORUS

* **POSTLUDE** - *"Higher Ground"* - Gabriel