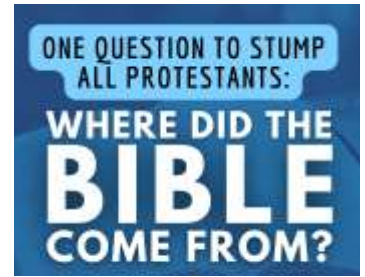




FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” arr. Smith

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

O sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing and give praise to God’s name;

tell the good news of salvation from day to day!

* OPENING HYMN - “I Love to Tell the Story” - #462

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

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

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

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks: 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 - "A Living Prayer" - Block
Heather Carter, solo and Richard Carter, guitar

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Ephesians 6:10-20

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

STUMP THE PASTOR PART 1

HYMN - "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" see insert #212

STUMP THE PASTOR PART 2

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD "The Nicene Creed"

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 - "Exultate Deo" - Osman

* **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**

* **CLOSING HYMN** - ***“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”*** - see insert #215

* **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** - ***“Tell Me the Old, Old Story”*** - Doane