

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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

## CHIMES

**PRELUDE** "Sunshine and Joy Medley" - arr. Hayes

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

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT:** "God of Great and God of Small" - #19 (vs. 1)

*God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong.  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

**\* 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.***

The Lord loves all his children;

***Let us give thanks to our God for the Lord is good!***

**\* OPENING HYMN - "Now There Is No Male or Female" - #493**

## \* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

***Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 - Traditional

***Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. 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 - "Holy Forever" - Ingram, Johnson, Tomlin, Johnson & Wickham  
Debi Godwin, 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 – Isaiah 56:1-8**

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

## **NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Galatians 3:23-29**

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

## **SERMON “Paul’s Radical Egalitarianism”**

## **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** - *“Higher Ground”* - arr. Prentiss

**\* DOXOLOGY** - Traditional

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

**\* CLOSING HYMN** - *“In Christ There Is No East or West”* - #317

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *“God of Great and God of Small”* - #19 (vs. 3)

*God of silence and God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right.  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.*

**\* POSTLUDE** - *“Mighty is Our God”* - arr. Larson