



# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship    15th Sunday after Pentecost

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September 1, 2024

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

## CHIMES

PRELUDE      “A Prayer for Peace” - Shea

INTROIT      “Blest are They” #172 (verse 4)  
Debi Godwin and George Wheat, duet

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

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
***the whole earth is full of God’s glory.***  
What does the Holy One require of us?  
***To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.***  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
***the Lord’s name is great among the nations.***

\* OPENING HYMN - “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” - #753

### \* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

***Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.***

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

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

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

***By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!***

**\* 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

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - *“Instruments of Your Peace”* - Dearman  
Debi Godwin and George Wheat, duet

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

***Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 52:7-10**

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

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Matthew 5:9**

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

## **SERMON - "Blessed be Peace and the Beatitudes"**

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD "adaption 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 true 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 - "A Song of Peace" - Powell**

**\* 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 - "Take My Life" - #697**

**\* 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 - "Pastorale" - Lichner**

