



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“The Soul That Thirsts for God”* - Taylor

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

INTROIT *“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”* - Faith Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

O praise the Lord with me,

let us exalt God’s name together.

What does the Holy One require of us?

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

maker of heaven and earth!

* OPENING HYMN - *“Bread of Life from Heaven”* - #497

* 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)**

The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ, will restore, support and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

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

ANTHEM - "All of These" - Curry (Faith Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O God, by your Holy Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Psalm 106:1-5, 47-48

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Matthew 5:6

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

SERMON - "Hunger for Righteousness"

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 AND PASTORAL PRAYER

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* - arr. Courtney

* 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

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God. Your Spirit hovered over the waters and brought forth all creation. You breathed into us the breath of life and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we lost our way, you called us back, then sent your own Son to save us.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

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 - ***“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*** - #610

* BENEDECTION

* BENEDECTION RESPONSE - ***“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”***
#542 (verses 1 & 2)

***God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.***

***God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.***

* POSTLUDE - ***“The Souls of the Righteous”*** - Noble