

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship    18th Sunday after Pentecost

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September 22, 2024

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

## CHIMES

PRELUDE    “Come, Ye Disconsolate” - Webbe

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT    “Surely the Presence”

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

***Christ dwells among us and is one with us.***

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

***He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.***

Come now, all who thirst,  
***and drink the water of life.***

Come now, all who hunger,  
***and be filled with good things.***

Come now, all who seek,  
***and be warmed by the fire of love!***

\* OPENING HYMN - “There Is a Balm in Gilead” - #792

## \* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

***God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

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

## \* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace 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)

**SPECIAL MUSIC - "O Calvary's Lamb" - Bosarge/George/Greer  
Joy Welch-Pilgrim, solo**

## 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 - Job 1:13-22**

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

## **NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Matthew 5:4**

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

## **SERMON - “Blessed are Those Who Mourn”**

## **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 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** - “Dawn” - Marianelli

**\* 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 - *“It Is Well with My Soul”* - #840

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION 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 - *“Voluntary”* - Geissler

