



# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

Testimony Sunday

September 29, 2024

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

## CHIMES

## PRELUDE

***“Shout To the Lord”***

Aschech

## GREETING

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

## INTROIT

***“Love You, Lord, My Strength, My Rock”***

Faith Choir

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Come, you have a story to tell.

***Once we were lost and could not find our way, but  
Jesus, who came to seek and save the lost, found us!***

Come, you have a story to tell.

***Of being in prison, held by someone or something  
that would not let go. Then, one day, the dungeon  
shook, the chains fell off, and God set us free!***

Come, you have a story to tell. Of rescue, of provision,  
of healing, of a vision of the Living God.

***We come to worship; we come to pray; we come to  
sing; we come to praise; we have a testimony!***

## \* OPENING HYMN

***“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”***

#438

*This is a favorite hymn of Scott Bird.*

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

*Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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**                      *Glory Be to the Father*

*Glory be to the Father; and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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** - Richard Carter

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

**ANTHEM**                      *"Lead Me to a Brighter Day!"*                      Perry

**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*

**\* HYMN**                      *"Amazing Grace"*                      #649

*This is a favorite hymn of Dave Rockwell.*

**SCRIPTURE** - Romans 13:4

**TESTIMONY** - Scott Bird

*“This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long.”* (twice)

**SCRIPTURE** - John 3:16

**TESTIMONY** - Marne Gulde

*“This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long.”* (twice)

**SCRIPTURE** - Proverbs 3:5-7

**TESTIMONY** - Dave Rockwell

*“This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior all the day long.”* (twice)

**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**

**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**                      *“Trusting Jesus, That Is All”*                      Shea

\* **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

*“How Great Thou Art”*

#625

*This is a favorite hymn of Marne Gulde.*

\* 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

*“Voluntary”*

Merkel

