



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“Chapel Windows”* - Blake

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

INTROIT *“Blest are They”* - Faith Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing!

* OPENING HYMN - *“Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life”* - #421

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought

not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

~ 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 - Elder Richard Carter

ANTHEM - “A Family of Love” - McDonald (Faith Choir)

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 - Psalm 111

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Matthew 5:7

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

SERMON - "Blessed are the Merciful"

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 - *"When There's Love at Home"* - arr. Wilson

*** DOXOLOGY** - *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* - #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known. Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

*** CLOSING HYMN - “A Christian Home” - Insert**

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” - #39 (verse 1)**

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*** POSTLUDE - “Light of the World” - Ritter**

