



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

World Communion

October 6, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *"Panis Angelicus"* - Franck

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)

We gather today as one body, united in Christ.

From every corner of the earth, we come to worship.

We bring our diverse cultures, languages, and experiences.

We celebrate our oneness in the Spirit.

Come, let us worship the God who welcomes all.

Let us rejoice in the gift of communion!

* OPENING HYMN - *"In Christ There Is No East or West"* - #317

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious God, We confess that we have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been humble, and we have not allowed you to guide our lives. We have allowed divisions to separate us, forgetting that we are all part of your creation. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work toward the unity of all believers. Lord, Through Christ our Lord, we ask for your mercy. Amen.

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

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

Friends, hear the good news! In Christ, we are forgiven and made whole. We are called to be one in the Spirit, to love one another as Christ loves us. **Thanks be to God!**

*** GLORIA PATRI** **“Glory to God” - #582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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 - “Bread of the World” - Perry 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 - Proverbs 3:5-6

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Mathew 5:3

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

SERMON “Poor in Spirit?”

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 - *"Bread of the World"* - arr. Kendall

* 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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* CLOSING HYMN - *“This Is My Song”* - #340

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”*

(repeat each line 3 times followed by the last line below)

He’s got the whole world in His hands.

He’s got you and me brother in His hands.

He’s got you and me sister in his hands.

(last line of each verse)

He’s got the whole world in His hands.

* POSTLUDE - *“I’d like to Teach the World to Sing”* - Backer/Davis/Cook/Greenaway

