



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 22nd Sunday after Pentecost October 20, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE *"He Leadeth Me"* arr. Bliss
(favorite of Judy Mayhew)

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *"Seek Ye First"* - #175 (verse 1)

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)**

O praise the Lord with me,

let us exalt God's name together.

O come, let us sing to the Lord

and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

O sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing and give praise to God's name!

*** OPENING HYMN - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** - #39

(favorite of Judy Mayhew)

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By 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)

SPECIAL MUSIC - “Trumpet Minuet” - Boismortier Tina Durham and Lilly Walton, flute duet

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, guide us as we read the word today. Open our hearts, ears, and minds to what you have to say in scripture, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 41:10

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Philippians 4:13

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

SERMON - "When Life Gets Blurry - Adjust Your Focus" Judy Mayhew

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD - adaptation of "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 - *"Here I Am, Lord"* - arr. Carter
(favorite of Judy Mayhew)

*** 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** - *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* - #837
(favorite of Judy Mayhew)

*** BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - *"He Leadeth Me"*
(favorite of Judy Mayhew)

***He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'r I do, Where-e'r I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.***

*** POSTLUDE** - *"Celebration"* - Paxton