

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 26th Sunday after Pentecost November 17, 2024

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE "With Peace In My Soul" - Paxton

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

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "Come to the Table of Peace" - #507 (vs 2)

Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Keep silence before the Lord God! *The day of the Lord is at hand.* Hold fast to your hope without wavering, *for God who has promised is faithful.* Surely God is our salvation; *trust in the Lord and do not be afraid!*

* OPENING HYMN - "Open My Eyes, That I May See" - #451

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to

seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

~ 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 - 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 - Richard Carter

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

SPECIAL MUSIC - *"There is a Fountain" -* arr. James Lisa Heinemeier, violin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Deuteronomy 18:20-22

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Mark 13:1-8

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON - "Put the Messenger Under the Microscope"

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Bethany Dunn	Danette Flamm	Holly Seago
Rex Unicume	Jerry Whelan	Rodney Seago

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "Trusting Jesus, That Is All" - Shea

* 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

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 - "I Come with Joy" - #515

* **BENEDICTION**

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #547 (vs 3)

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

* **POSTLUDE -** "Go Forth in Faith" - Ritter