

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - *“Long Hard Ride”* - Harms & Varsos
Joni Harms - soloist & guitar

*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 - *“Onward Christian Soldiers”* - insert
(requested by a church member)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“Happy Trails”* - Evans

*Happy Trails to you, until we meet again.
Happy Trails to you, keep smiling’ until then.
Who cares about the clouds when we’re together?
Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather.
Happy Trails to you, till we meet again.*

*POSTLUDE



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship 5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE - Joni Harms Medley
“The Place Where I Worship” - Foster, Goodheart, & Tarr
“God’s Coloring Book” - Parton
Joni Harms—soloist & guitar

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Jesus said: You are the light of the world.
Let our light shine, giving glory to God.
Do all things for the sake of the gospel.
So may we share in the blessings of God.
The Lord called out: Whom shall I send?
I answered: Here I am; send me!

* OPENING HYMN - *“The Little Brown Church in the Vale”* - insert
(requested by a church member)

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

*Almighty and ever-loving God, you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened. Instead, we turn to the materialism of
the world. We forget the poor, the shunned, the isolated, the outcast. We*

do not speak out against injustice, and we turn our heads away and toward the world. God of grace and love, help us admit our sin, and to turn to you in your healing mercy. Give us the strength to repent and turn to you and receive forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

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

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

Friends, hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe the good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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 - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC - "That's Faith" - Isham & Harms

Joni Harms - soloist & guitar

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear your Word and obey your will. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 95:1-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Acts of the Apostles 10:30-48

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

SERMON "Cornelius: Transformed by the Word and Spirit"

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 true 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 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, for ever. Amen.