

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

4th Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

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

CHIMES

PRELUDE - "A Lenten Meditation" - Powell

GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT - "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" - Faith Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

Gracious God we praise and give thanks to you! For you are our rock and redeemer!

Dear Lord, you are the source of all our blessings.

You fill our hearts with joy from your goodness!

Let us give thanks to you for all you have given us.

Let us give thanks to God now and forever!

* OPENING HYMN - "Ah, Holy Jesus" - #218

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Dear God, you are the giver of all that is good in our lives. You gave us the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of grace. But Lord, we fall short of your commands to us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We act selfishly and with our actions mock your guidance for our lives. Lord, we admit we have failed you and your people. Lord, we ask for your forgiveness. We ask for the strength to follow you with all that we have. Have mercy on us, O God, for you are the Holy One, the savior of our lives.

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

* 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 - Elder Bill Brouwer

ANTHEM - "Hymn Tapestry" - Purifoy - Faith Choir

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 - Joshua 5:9-12

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON - "Lost and Found"

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, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "O Lamb of God" - Yocum

*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

*CLOSING HYMN - "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" - #216

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE - "Go In Peace" (sing twice)

Go in Peace, go in kindness, go in love, go in faith. Leave the world, the world behind us, God is love, go in grace.

*POSTLUDE - "Postlude in D Minor #14" - Proehl

