

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

\* CLOSING HYMN - *“Lift High the Cross”* – #826

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”* – #353  
(verses 1 & 4)

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

\* POSTLUDE - *“Jesus Shall Reign”* – Price

***The Power of The Cross  
– Something to  
Celebrate***

1 Corinthians 1:17-25

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Order of Worship

7th Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

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

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE** - *“The Way of the Cross Leads Home”* – Gabriel, arr. Mansfield

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

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** - *“The Old Rugged Cross”*

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, ‘til my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In Christ, the God of heaven has made God’s home on earth.  
***Christ dwells among us and is one with us.***  
Highest of all creation, Christ lives among the least.  
***He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.***  
Christ bore the pain of the cross for our salvation.  
***In Jesus the Christ, we have hope and new life.***  
Come now, all who thirst,  
***and drink the water of life.***  
Come now, all who hunger,  
***and be filled with good things.***  
Come now, all who seek,  
***and be warmed by the fire of love.***

\* OPENING HYMN - *“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”* – #213

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

*God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you and to the power and glory of the cross you bore for us. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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

\* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Hear the good news: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ you 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Bill Brouwer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

*Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Numbers 21:5-9

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – 1 Corinthians 1:17-25

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

SERMON - *“The Hope of the Cross”*

\* HYMN - *“Glory to His Name”* (see insert)

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 forever. Amen.*

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *“The Old Rugged Cross”* – Bennard, arr. Raney

\* 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!*