

\* DOXOLOGY - *“Our God Is an Awesome God”* - #616

*Our God is an Awesome God who reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING

\* CLOSING HYMN - *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”* - #761

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”* #306  
(verse 1&2)

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.  
We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

\* POSTLUDE - *“Sheltered in the Arms of God”* – Rambo and Davis

I feel the touch of hands so kind and tender;  
They’re leading me in paths that I must trod.  
I have no fear when Jesus walks beside me,  
For I’m sheltered in the arms of God.  
So let the storms rage high, the dark clouds rise;  
They won’t worry me,  
For I’m sheltered safe within the arms of God.  
He walks with me, and naught of earth shall harm me,  
For I’m sheltered in the arms of God.

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



Elder Judy Pike, Guest Speaker  
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Order of Worship

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

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

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE** - *Kum Ba Yah, My Shepherd* – arr. Rogers

TUNES: KUM BA YAH – African Folk Song, and, RESIGNATION –  
Traditional American Hymn

(Resignation, written in 1828, is the melody for hymn #803 – *My  
Shepherd Will Supply My Need*)

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

**CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”** - #305  
verse 1

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is calling to you today.

**God is calling us today.**

Why is God calling us?

**To be the church. People united by God in faith.**

For what purpose would God do such a thing?

**Because God has given each member a gift to share, so that if we all come  
together and lean on one another, then we can become all that God has  
called us to be.**

\* OPENING HYMN - **“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”** - #187

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

*Holy God, we do live in the joy and wonder of your love. However, we find it so easy to be in disagreements. We take each other so much for granted. Often we are tempted to cut the ropes of love that bind us together. We very quickly move to violence and distrust and finally hatred toward those with whom we have a difference of opinion or those who hold different values and traditions. Other times we take life and each other way too much for granted. Help us now, Lord in this time of worship, to renew our faith in you and restore our love to each other with powerful cords of compassion and mercy.*

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

\* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Trust always in the love of God: for God is faithful, true and always compassionate. Christ Jesus brings us God's love which is freely offered to us. In Christ, we are now 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 - Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

*Gracious God, shine the light of your Spirit upon us as we hear these words of Scripture read and proclaimed. Reveal your saving presence in these words, and lead us further down the path of faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 40:8-11

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – John 10:11-16, 27-28

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

SERMON - **“Jesus Our Shepherd”**

\* HYMN – **“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”** - #801

\* 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 Shepherd of the Flock”** - Martin