

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at table in the kingdom of God. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared. O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are all who find refuge in God!

The Lord 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.***

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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, for ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* CLOSING HYMN - ***"In Christ There Is No East or West"*** - #318

* BENEDECTION

* BENEDECTION RESPONSE - ***"May the God of Hope Go with Us"*** – #765

***May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call
while in essence only one; undivided God we claim you,
and adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.***



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Elder Gene Raymond, Worship Leader
Janis Wheat, Director of Music
Jeff Durham, Video Tech
Bethany Dunn, Video Tech



Order of Worship

COMMUNION

August 17, 2025

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

CHIMES

INTROIT - ***"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*** – #451(verse 1)

***Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!***

GREETING

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

PRELUDE - ***"I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table"*** by Stan Pethel

* CALL TO WORSHIP – (responsively)

God hears the cry of the needy, and does not wait for us to call before coming to our aid;

While we were still lost in our brokenness and sin, God came to us, lived among us, died our death and rose to lead us into life.

And so, we come to worship, to offer God our devotion and love and our thanksgiving and praise.

***For God is worthy. Praise to our God.
Let us worship God.***

* OPENING HYMN - ***"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"*** - #510

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord of light and life, you have called us this day to open our hearts, our minds, our spirits to hear your words of encouragement, healing, and hope. Give us patience and willingness to serve you in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of healing mercies, we come to you this day as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love, yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts, or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. We have been given the pathway to peace in the witness of Jesus Christ. He taught us to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own gratification. We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth. We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort. Forgive us, O merciful God. Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us again to you, that we may again learn of your love and mercy. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Our Lord gives us hope – the hope of the Gospel. The weight of our sin is laid aside. We are forgiven. Through the Holy Spirit we are made children of the Most High God and are inspired to know God in our heart and given the perseverance to live faithfully in our time. **Thanks be to God! 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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

* 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.)

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC: “My Heart, Your Home” by Christy and Nathan Nockels, Debi Godwin (soloist).

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Lord of the vineyard, we ask for your presence and your guidance. In your holy wisdom, tend the vines of our hearts. Teach us your righteousness, that our lives may flower with justice. We come as wild grapes, yearning to grow fruitful in your love. Show us the way, through Jesus your Son, to discern your will, hear your word, and grow in your ways, as we deepen the roots of our faith.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 5:1-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Luke 12: 49-16

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

SERMON - “The Eyes of Faith”

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

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - “Blessed Assurance”, Larry Shackley

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!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS