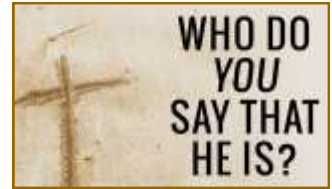




FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

BRIGHT SUNDAY

April 12, 2026

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

INTROIT: *"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"* - #817 (verse 1)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

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

PRELUDE: *"The Way of the Cross Leads Home"* - Gabriel, arr. Mansfield

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 150)

Praise God in his mighty acts! Praise God as suits his incredible greatness!

Praise God with the blast of the ram's horn! Praise God with lute and lyre!

Praise God with drum and dance! Praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with loud cymbals! Praise God with clashing cymbals!

Let every living thing praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

* OPENING HYMN: *"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"* - #255

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous LORD, we confess that our faith is fragile and easily shaken by the shadows of doubt. Too often we have allowed our fear to stop our faithful witness to your world. Forgive us, we pray and strengthen our resolve, deepen our conviction, and help our unbelief. Remind us that Your grace is sufficient and your faithfulness is unchanging, even when our own strength fails. Amen

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

* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ lived for us, Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, and Christ reigns in power for us. Friends, believe the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* **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.***

* **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**

May the peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

~ **HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD** ~

ANTHEM: “*Brighter Than the Sun*” - Helgen (Faith Choir)

CHILDRENS TIME: Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON: 1st Peter 1:3-9

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

GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-29

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

SERMON: “And Who Do We Say He Is?”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: From the United Church of Canada 1968

We are called to be the Church...to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. We are not alone; we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Christian Ed and Deacons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “A Sunday in Spring” - Chesterton

*** 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**

* CLOSING HYMN: *“Christ Is Alive”* #246

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”* #656

*We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,
Trusting in the holy word; God’s never failed us yet.
O, can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith.
We’ve come this far by faith.*

* POSTLUDE: *“An Easter Flower”* - Worrell

