



# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

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~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”* #729 (verse 1)

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart*

*In my heart, in my heart,*

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

Christ is Risen! *“Christ is Risen Indeed!”*

PRELUDE: *“Because He Lives”* - Gaither, arr. Koerts

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, let us walk in the way of love—

***With sincerity of heart and reverence for Christ.***

Let us honor one another, not only in word, but in every deed and secret place.

***For the Lord refines us like silver, and purifies us like gold.***

How good and pleasant it is when kindred live in unity!

***Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.***

\* OPENING HYMN: *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* - #611

\* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Refining God, You have called us to walk in humility, to live in love, and to serve with integrity. Yet we confess that we often seek only to please others, not You, the One who sees into our hearts. We divide what You would make whole, and we cling to our pride rather than pursue peace. Forgive us, Holy One. Burn away all that is false within us. Shape us into a people who live truthfully, who love sincerely, and who serve You in unity and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.***

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

\* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Who can endure the day of the Lord's coming? Only those who are made clean by grace. Friends, hear the good news: God, who is rich in mercy, forgives us and renews us in Christ.

***We are refined, we are restored, we are united by love. Thanks be to God! Amen.***

\* **GLORIA PATRI: "Glory Be to the Father"**

***Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. 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** ~

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Goodbye Troublesome Blues" - Traditional

Duet—Lisa Tuttle & George Van Otten

**CHILDRENS TIME:** Richard Carter

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Refining Fire, burn away our resistance to Your Word. Purify our hearing. Illumine our understanding that we may be shaped by Your truth and unified in love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: MALACHI 3:2-3**

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

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: MATTHEW 5:13-16**

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

**SERMON:** "Let....."

## **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.*

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

## **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:** *Song of the Quail (from “The Musical Clocks”)* - Haydn  
(In honor of Earth Day—April 22nd)

\* **DOXOLOGY:** *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* - #609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures high and low.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

\* **CLOSING HYMN:** *“Love Devine, All Loves Excelling”* - #366

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** *“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”* #729 (verse 4)

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

*In my heart, in my heart,*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

\* **POSTLUDE:** *“Hallelujah! What a Savior!”* - Bliss, arr. Frank