



# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

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~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

INTROIT: *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”* - #469 (verse 1) Faith Choir

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

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

PRELUDE: *“Give Us Hearts to Pray”* - Shea

*“Great Shepherd of thy people, hear! Thy presence now display;  
we bow within this house of prayer; oh, give us hearts to pray!”*

*(John Newton)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

***God’s love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.***

We gather, in God’s presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

***God’s grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.***

We gather together, in God’s presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

***Alleluia! Amen!***

\* OPENING HYMN: *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”* (see insert)

\* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*First of all, Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us.*

*Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well so with our healing we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.*

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

\* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, and the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us. *We are God's beloved children and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! 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.*

\* **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:** "God Exalted Him" - Fettke (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.*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Deuteronomy 4:5-8

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

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** Matthew 6:5-8

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

**SERMON:** “Invitation to Pray”

**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: *“Prayer”* - Mozart, arr. Blake

\* DOXOLOGY: Traditional

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Faith, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

\* CLOSING HYMN: *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* - #465

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”* - #66 (verse 1)

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

*Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,  
Out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.*

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

\* POSTLUDE: *“Great Is the Lord”* - Smith & Smith, arr. Schrader