FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship **4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **June 21, 2026**

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: ***"Jesus Calls Us"*** **-** #720 (verse 1)

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Chirstian, follow me."

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 Bread, the Wine, the Word"* - Southbridge

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been created in the image of God.
We are created to love our brothers and sisters, all children of God.
Christ has taught us how to love one another.
And we are called to share that love with the world.
The Holy Spirit moves in us, giving us gifts to do God's work.
The Spirit moves us like the wind in the trees.
We go where God is leading us.
Follow Jesus, and the Spirit will show us the way.
Let us Worship God.

* **OPENING HYMN:** ***"God Is Calling through the Whisper"*** **-** #410

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we confess that at times we ignore You and Your ways because we are afraid of being rejected by others. We fail to do justice and loving-kindness; we forget to walk humbly with You. We fall into the ways of the world and look to our own gain instead of the well-being of others. Forgive us. Call us back to hear Your call of justice. Help us to listen to the prophets among us. Guide us back to living in Your ways, even when it is unpopular, even if we face ridicule. Lead us in the path of right-living.

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

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

There is nothing God will not do for us. Christ went to the cross so that we might know that life is eternal and sin is not. You are forgiven, renewed and restored—live, and help others to live with the knowledge that God loves us all.
Thanks be to God! Amen

*** 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 ~

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"These Hands"* - Noack
George Wheat—solo

CHILDRENS TIME: Bill Brouwer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Psalm 86:1-10

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Matthew 10:24-39

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

SERMON: "Let's Choose Better"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD: Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Please remember that our service is live streamed)

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"* - Gabriel, arr. Kaiser

* **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**

~ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ~

(see insert)

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* **CLOSING HYMN:** ***"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*** **-** #738

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "*Let There Be Peace on Earth"***

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we;
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

* **POSTLUDE:** *"The Bright Resounding Trumpet"* - Ritter