FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship **11th Sunday after Pentecost** **August 9, 2026**

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: ***"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"*** #159 (verse 3)

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still.
For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

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 Water Is Wide"* - based on an American folk tune, arr. Broughton

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.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Spirit of God gave the universe birth.
The Spirit of God delivered the world.
Our God is the first; our God is the last.
No other god declares the word of creation.
Yet this same God invites us, saying, "Do not be afraid!"
Let us worship the One who banishes fear, who comforts the trembling and quickens the faint! Let us worship the One whose creation is renewed and whose creatures are never forsaken!

*** OPENING HYMN:** ***"Lonely the Boat"*** **-** #185

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we come before You and acknowledge that we have acted poorly in times of faith and doubt. We have ignored our neighbors in need and forgotten the cries of the poor and hungry around us. We have cried out in anger to You when we are lacking our desires and claim You have not heard us. Forgive us for our shortcomings. Forgive us for not acting faithfully to our neighbors and to You. Turn us back to Your ways. In the name of Christ, who went to the cross for us and cried out to You. Amen.

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

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*** 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.

*** 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:** *"When the Poor Ones"*

Heather Carter, solo Richard Carter, guitar

CHILDRENS TIME: Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear and follow your Word, through Christ our Lord. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 19:9-18

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:22-33

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

SERMON: "Do You Believe in Miracles?"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD: Taken from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Please remember that our service is live streamed)

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: *"Moonbeams on the Lake"* - Fitzpatrick

* **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**

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* **CLOSING HYMN:** ***"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*** **-** #8

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** ***"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*** #834 (verse 1)

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

* **POSTLUDE:** *"Delight in the Lord"* - Sewell