

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

COMMUNION

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~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

INTROIT: *"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"* - #59 (Faith Choir)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

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

PRELUDE: *"Meditation on Candler"* - Traditional Scottish Melody,  
arr. Collinsworth

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

*Come, let's praise God together!*

***For God is great, and worthy of our praise!***

*Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty, His mighty acts throughout history:*

***for God is great, and worthy of our praise!***

*Let's remember the compassion He has shown toward us;*

***His mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation: for God is great, and worthy of our praise!***

*Let's pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.*

***For God is great, and worthy of our praise! Let's worship God together!***

\* OPENING HYMN: *"Amazing Grace, How Swet the Sound"* - #649

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for us; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. Amen.***

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

**\* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Knowing that you are forgiven, be at peace. ***Thanks be to God! 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.***

**\* 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:** *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”* - aarr. Martin (Faith Choir)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Richard Carter

*Following the children’s message, children are invited to go to the classrooms for supervised Children’s Time.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

***Eternal God, you know our hearts and minds. Bless this time together that in reading, hearing and reflecting on your Word together, we may be changed. We surrender this time to you and ask for your blessing upon it. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.***

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:10 - 4:11**

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

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Matthew 20:1-16**

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

**SERMON: “Fair Is In the Eye of the Beholder”**

**~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~**

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: *The 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.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

(Please remember that our service is live streamed)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY: “Break the Bread” - Paxton**

\* **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**

~ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ~

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

\* **CLOSING HYMN: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” - #65**

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing God” #546**  
(verse 1)

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

\* **POSTLUDE: “Trumpet Call” - Smith**

