

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.

HYMN: *"One Day At A Time"* - Wilkin and Kristofferson

George Wheat, soloist

BLESSING

POSTLUDE: *"Happy Trails"* - Evans

"Rainbow Bridge" (author unknown)

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

You are invited to Stevenson Hall for refreshments following the service.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sierra Vista, AZ

October 31, 2026



Geronimo
2016-2026



Little Duke
2010-2026



"Aren't two sparrows sold for only a penny?
But not one of them falls to the ground outside
your Father's care. . ." *Matthew 10:29*

Monica Russell, Pastor

Elder George Wheat, Worship Leader

Janis Wheat, Director of Music

Order of Worship

PRELUDE: *"Memory"* - Webber

WELCOME AND INVOCATION – Pastor Monica Russell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Every animal in the forest already belongs to me.

And so do the cattle on a thousand hills.

Your holiness is as great as the height of the highest mountains.

Lord, you keep people and animals safe.

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

Let us worship God.

***HYMN:** *"This Is My Father's World"* #370

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation, you entrust us with the care of the pets in our life. In their life, we caught a glimpse of your unconditional love, loyalty, and joy. We confess that there are times when we are impatient, distracted, or too busy to give our pets the attention they crave. We confess that there are moments we take their constant presence for granted. Forgive us for the ways we fail to care perfectly for the creatures you put in our lives, and for the times we forget that all life belongs to you. Lord, in your mercy, receive our regrets, heal our feelings of guilt, and comfort our breaking hearts.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of God's grace: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. God does not hold our human frailties against us, nor does he measure our love by our imperfect moments.

Receive God's peace today, knowing that love is never wasted, and nothing in all creation is ever truly lost to God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Precious Memories"* – Wright
George Wheat, soloist

CHORUS: *Precious mem'ries, how they linger, How they ever flood my soul; in the stillness of the midnight, precious, sacred scenes unfold.*

PRAYER OF 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 SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 11:6-9

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:10-21

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

MEDITATION - Pastor Monica Russell

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 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.

REMEMBRANCES

Al Reine