FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship **WORLD COMMUNION** **October 4, 2026**

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: ***"Gather Us In"*** - #401 (verse 3)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

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

PRELUDE: *"Panis Angelicus"* - Franck

*** 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**

Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel.

You lead your people gently and kindly.

You sent us your light and your salvation.

Hear us and restore us, Lord God Almighty.

Help us to hear you and know you are here.

Jesus Christ is our Lord, our light and our salvation. Let us praise and worship him together.

*** OPENING HYMN:** ***"We Are One in the Spirit"*** - #300

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, through Jesus Christ, you taught us, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy, clinging to power and privilege whenever we can. Set us free from greed and fear. Teach us to trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer. Amen.

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

This is the good news: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. You are forgiven and made new. We complete God's joy by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, with everyone we meet. ***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, would 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: *"We Are One with You, O Lord"* - Althouse (Faith Choir)

CHILDRENS TIME: Pastor Monica

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your law, O Lord, is perfect and your commandments are clear. You do not leave us in the dark to guess your will, but instead send the light no darkness can overcome to reveal your way and illuminate our understanding. Send your Spirit so that we will have the ears to hear what you are saying to your church. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5:1-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:33-46

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

SERMON: "Tenants – Obligations and Temporary Possession"

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.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORL PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *"Bread of the World"* - arr. Kendall

*** DOXOLOGY: Traditional**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, 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:** ***"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*** - #757

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** ***"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"***

Traditional (repeat each line 3 times followed by the last line below)

He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the you and me brother in His hands.
He's got the you and me sister in His hands.
(last line of each verse)
He's got the whole world in His hands.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE:** *"I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing!"* - Backer/Davis/Cook/Greenaway