

DESERT SPRINGS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA | TUCSON



May 29, 2022

*“See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”*

Isaiah 43: 19

To Our Visitors:

Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. Our desire is that you be encouraged and learn more about who Jesus is and what He has done for us. We are therefore committed to studying and understanding the Scriptures so that we might know and trust Jesus more fully. Hopefully, you received our gift to you, and we'd love to be able to talk to you after the worship service.

Notes on Our Service:

Churches can conduct their worship services quite differently. As you prepare for worship, please take a few moments to review the commitments and values that shape our worship service.

Liturgy: *The liturgy is the order of things in a worship service. The intent is for the liturgy to engage our minds with truth, stirring up what Jonathan Edwards called 'holy affections,' or emotions, which it then helps us to express. The overall pattern of the worship service is designed to reinforce the centrality of the good news of Jesus Christ. We see His greatness, our rebelliousness, and how Jesus forgives us and begins to change us. We are also given opportunities to share our needs with Jesus as we pray.*

Participation by the People: *Our worship is structured to emphasize participation. We encourage everyone to sing and pray, and to confess individual sins and faith.*

Corporate Responses: *The liturgical practice of responsive reading traces back to the beginnings of the Church. It follows the pattern of Scripture and helps instruct us in how to worship. It can be like learning a new language that expresses what is going on inside of you.*

Music: *Our Music Team is composed of members of our congregation under the direction of a professional Music Director. Songs and arrangements are selected so that ordinary people can sing them in order to best facilitate congregational worship.*

Giving: *We believe giving in proportion to God's provision to us is an act of worship. We have a plate for offerings at the front of the Sanctuary.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

DESERT SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 29, 2022

The Lord's Day

10:30 a.m.

Refreshing weary souls with the gospel of Jesus in worship, discipleship and evangelism.

WELCOME

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." -Acts 2:38 – 39

*DOXOLOGY

"O Breath of God" (The Risen Christ)

(v. 1) K. Getty | P. Madeira

EXALTATION OF GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 5

Pastor: Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning.

People: **Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to You do I pray. O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.**

Pastor: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers.

People: **But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may exult in You.**

All: ***For You bless the righteous, O LORD; You cover him with favor as with a shield.***

*SONG OF EXALTATION

"Worship Christ, the Risen King!"

Hymn #286 (vv. 1-4)

INVOCATION

We ask God to be present with us as we worship so we receive Christ and His benefits.

** Please stand if able*

GOSPEL PARDON

"The sins of the wicked anger God, but the sins of professing Christians grieve Him." -Thomas Watson

CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Knowing that there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus and nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, let us freely and silently confess the wrong we have done.

-Time for the Silent Confession of Sins –

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. *-Romans 8*

"No sin of yours will ruin you, if you believe; and nothing will save, if you do not."

-Thomas Boston

*SONGS OF RESPONSE

"Out of the Depths"

"Be Thou My Vision"

B. Kauflin

Hymn #642 (vv.1-5)

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: Exodus 17:8-16

New Testament: Romans 8:26-30; Philippians 4:4-7

Leader: The grass withers and flowers fade...

People: **But the word of God endures forever.**

George Molenaar

** Please stand if able*

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

SERMON SERIES

“GOSPEL COMMUNITY”

SERMON TEXT

Acts 2:42-47

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cavallaro

“THE COMMUNITY OF PRAYER”

***SONG OF CELEBRATION**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

Hymn #535 (vv. 1-3)

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

All: We affirm our belief in the one-eternal God, Creator and Lord of the world, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who governs all things according to the purpose of His will. He has been calling out from the world a people for Himself and sending His people back into the world to be His servants and His witnesses, for the extension of His kingdom, the building up of Christ’s body, and the glory of His name.

We affirm that there is only one Savior and only one gospel. We recognize that everyone has some knowledge of God through His general revelation in nature. But we deny that this can save, for people suppress the truth by their unrighteousness. Jesus Christ, being Himself the only God-man, who gave Himself as the only ransom for sinners, is the only mediator between God and people. There is no other name by which we must be saved.

We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father sent His Spirit to bear witness to His Son; without His witness ours is futile. Conviction of sin, faith in Christ, new birth and Christian growth are all His work. Further, the Holy Spirit is a missionary spirit; thus, evangelism should arise spontaneously from a Spirit-filled church.

-Adapted from the Lausanne Covenant

WORSHIP AT THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

All: Heavenly Father,
We thank You that You have given such a great benefit to poor sinners like us. You have brought us into fellowship with Your Son, Jesus, who gave Himself over to death for us. You give Him to us as the bread and wine of eternal life. May we not forget the many benefits You have given us in Christ— forgiveness of sin, Your Spirit to empower us toward obedience, the Body of Christ and so much more. Sustain us unto eternal life. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

The cups in the inner rings contain wine; the outer ring contains juice. Gluten and yeast-free crackers, prepared in a common kitchen, are also provided.

** Please stand if able*

PASTORAL PRAYER

We join Jesus, who intercedes for us.

*SONG OF HOPE

“One Thing Remains”

B. Johnson | J. Riddle | C. Black Gifford

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor: All our problems . . .

People: **We send them to the cross of Christ!**

Pastor: All our difficulties . . .

People: **We send them to the cross of Christ!**

Pastor: All the devil's work . . .

People: **We send to the cross of Christ!**

Pastor: All our hopes . . .

People: **We set on the risen Christ!**

Pastor: Christ, the Son of Righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, forever and ever. Amen.

-African Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING

05/30 Acts 3

05/31 Acts 4

06/01 Acts 5

06/02 Acts 6

06/03 Acts 7

VERSE FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION - JUNE

¹ *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.* ² *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

-Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)