

# DESERT SPRINGS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA | TUCSON



**October 2, 2022**

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*“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

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October 2, 2022

The Lord's Day

10:30 a.m.

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

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE & MEDITATION

<sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ...

-Romans 4:5

### \*DOXOLOGY

"Doxology"

Hymn #731

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### EXALTATION OF GOD

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### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 3-4

Elder: Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.

People: **Therefore, I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.' As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest.'**

All: ***Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.***

### \*SONG OF EXALTATION

"Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord"

Hymn #19 (vv. 1-4)

### INVOCATION

*This is a prayer asking God to be present with us as we worship, so that we may receive Christ and His benefits as we worship.*

\* Please stand if able

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## GOSPEL PARDON

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

### **CONFESSION OF SIN:** *Being Refreshed from the Burden of Guilt*

Elder: When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are His people who have preferred our wills to His. Having accepted His power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God.

*-Time for the Silent Confession of Sins –*

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Elder: Arise and hear the Good News.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*-1 Peter 2*

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

### **\*SONGS OF RESPONSE**

"God Be Merciful To Me" Psalm 51

R. Redhead | C. Miner

"Yet, Not I But Through Christ in Me"

J. Robinson | M. Farren | R. Thompson

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Elder Matt Fitzsimmons**

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-14

New Testament: Colossians 1:13-20

Elder: The grass withers and flowers fade...

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

*\* Please stand if able*

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HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

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SERMON SERIES

**“FROM BONDAGE TO FREEDOM: EXODUS, PART 1”**

SERMON TEXT

Exodus 4:18-31

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Steve Cavallaro

**“THE FIRSTBORNS OF GOD, PHARAOH, AND MOSES”**

\*SONG OF CELEBRATION

“Go Down, Moses”

African American Spiritual

\* CONFESSION OF FAITH

**All: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; †He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy ‡catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

-Apostles' Creed

†Meaning the grave; and remained under the power of death. -WLC Q. 50

‡Universal

**WORSHIP AT THE TABLE:** Refreshed by Our Fellowship with Christ

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**All: Father, We lift up our heart on high, seeking the heavenly things in heaven, where Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father; and do not fix our eyes on the visible signs which are corrupted through usage. In joy of heart, in brotherly union, may we partake of our Lord's Table, giving thanks to Him for the very great love He has shown us. May the death of our Savior be engraved on our hearts in eternal remembrance, so that we are set ablaze, and so also incite others to love You and follow Your holy Word.**

-John Calvin

\* Please stand if able

## 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.*

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## GOSPEL HOPE

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### PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder: Let us offer praise for God's goodness toward us this week.

Elder: Let us pray for the sick & suffering in our congregation.

Elder: Let us pray for the conversion of friends and family.

Elder: Let us pray for our leaders.

Elder: Let us pray for peace and revival in the world.

### \*SONG OF HOPE

"My One Comfort"

D. Kensrue

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

*-Psalms 67*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

### COMMUNITY BIBLE READING

10/03 Romans 6

10/04 Romans 7

10/05 Romans 8

10/06 Romans 9

10/07 Romans 10

### VERSE FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

#### OCTOBER

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*-Romans 4:5:5*