

DESERT SPRINGS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA | TUCSON



May 21, 2023

*“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 21, 2023

The Lord's Day

10:30 a.m.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. *-Psalms 130:3-4*

*DOXOLOGY

"Now Blessed Be Jehovah God"

Psalm 72

EXALTATION OF GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 68 (CSB)

Elder: God arises. His enemies scatter, and those who hate Him flee from His presence. But the righteous are glad; they rejoice before God and celebrate with joy.

People: **Sing to God! Sing praises to His name. Exalt Him who rides on the clouds —His name is the LORD —and celebrate before Him.**

Elder: God in His holy dwelling is a father of the fatherless and a champion of widows. Blessed be the Lord! Day after day He bears our burdens; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, ...

People: **Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; sing praise to the Lord, to Him who rides in the ancient, highest heavens. Look, He thunders with His powerful voice!**

All: ***Ascribe power to God. His majesty is over Israel; His power is among the clouds. God, You are awe-inspiring in your sanctuaries. The God of Israel gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!***

*SONG OF EXALTATION

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymn #295 (vv. 1-3)

with alt. by Tomlin | Cash | Elvey | Thring | Maher | Bridges

INVOCATION

** Please stand if able*

GOSPEL PARDON

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

*CONFESSING OUR SIN: *Being Refreshed from the Burden of Guilt*

Elder: Little children, if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In light of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

-Adapted from 1 John 2

-Time for the Silent Confession of Sins -

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder: Therefore, He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. -Hebrews 2

Let everyone who acknowledges their sin and believes in Christ rejoice. For, in Jesus' name, I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins in accordance with the promises of God to His people. Amen.

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

*SONGS OF RESPONSE

"To You O Lord"

Graham Kendrick

"The Law of the Lord Is Perfect"

Hymn #152 (vv. 1-3)

SCRIPTURE READING

Elder Matt Fitzsimmons

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 15:1-11

New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Elder: The grass withers and flowers fade...

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

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HEAR THE WORD OF GOD
SERMON SERIES
EXODUS PART 2
“OUR GUIDE THROUGH THE WILDERNESS”

SERMON TEXT

Exodus 22:16-23:9

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cavallaro

“GRACIOUSLY GUIDING US THROUGH THE LAW”

***SONGS OF CELEBRATION**

“Give to the Wind Your Fears”

P. Gerhardt | C. Smith

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Habershon | Merker

***CONFESSING OUR FAITH**

Nicene Creed

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made. Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy, †catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

†or Universal

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION LITANY

Pastor: As God invites us to pray for our daily bread, He also promises to nurture all who come to this Table in faith in Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death to remove our sins. May those who do not yet believe ponder the mystery of the gospel. May those who believe now declare the mystery of the gospel.

People: **Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Yes, Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory!
-1 Timothy 3:16

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.

GOSPEL HOPE

PRAYER

*SONG OF HOPE

“O Church, Arise” (Arise, Shine)

Getty | Townend | Tomlin | Campbell

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor: Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.
-James 1

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.
-1 Thessalonians 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING

05/22 Psalm 132
05/23 Psalm 133
05/24 Psalm 134
05/25 Psalm 135
05/26 Exodus 23

VERSE FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

MAY

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-Psalm 130:3-4

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