

DESERT SPRINGS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA | TUCSON



August 27, 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 '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 emphasizes 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 our 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 boxes for offerings at the rear of the Sanctuary.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

DESERT SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Lord's Day

10:30 a.m.

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

¹² *Speak and act as those who are to be judged by the law of freedom.* ¹³ *For judgment is without mercy to the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.* -James 2 (CSB)

*DOXOLOGY

“By the Sea of Crystal”

Hymn #549 (v. 3)

EXALTATION OF GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 15 (CSB)

Pastor: LORD, who can dwell in Your tent? Who can live on Your holy mountain?

People: **The one who lives blamelessly, practices righteousness, and acknowledges the truth in his heart— who does not slander with his tongue, who does not harm his friend or discredit his neighbor, who despises the one rejected by the LORD but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his word whatever the cost, who does not lend his silver at interest or take a bribe against the innocent—**

All: *The one who does these things will never be shaken.*

*SONG OF EXALTATION

“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”

Charles Wesley | Leigh Nash

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: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. -1 John 1

All: *We confess that sin dwells in us. This means that we are still prone to resist the truth, particularly when it conflicts with our desires and expectations in life. We forfeit, for a time, the peace of Christ which can guard our hearts and minds, due to anxiety and worry. We are prone to doubt your love and goodness. We fear that You don't have our best interest in mind. Because of the sin in us, not only are we tempted to commit sin, but we are hesitant to obey You with all our heart. We are slow to obey, and don't obey whole-heartedly. Deliver us, we pray.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Elder: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- Romans 7 & 8

***SONGS OF RESPONSE**

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

Hymn #455 (vv. 1, C, 2,3, C, 4,5 C)

"That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God"

Hymn #558 (vv. 1, 3, 5)

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark McCoy

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 19:15-21

New Testament: Matthew 26:57-66

Elder: The grass withers and flowers fade...

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

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

SERMON SERIES
"THE LAW & THE CROSS"

SERMON TEXT

Exodus 20:16

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cavallaro

"NEW WORDS FROM A NEW HEART"

***SONGS OF CELEBRATION**

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Hymn #644 (vv. 1-5)

"Give Thanks"

Henry Smith

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Ignatius of Antioch (107 AD)

All: *Jesus Christ was descended from the family of David and born of Mary. He was a man. He was truly born both of God and of the Virgin. He truly took a body; for the Word became flesh and dwelt among us without sin. He was God. He ate and drank truly, truly suffered persecution under Pontius Pilate, was truly crucified and died. He suffered for us. He was also truly raised from the dead and rose after three days as His Father raised Him up. He rose for us. After having spent forty days with the Apostles, He was received up to the Father, and sits on His right hand, waiting till His enemies are put under His feet. He reigns over us. Amen.*

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION PRAYER

All: *Grant unto us, O heavenly Father, that the remembrance of our redemption may never leave our hearts, but that we may walk in Christ, the Light of the world, far removed from our foolish reason and blind wills, which are vain and injurious darkness; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

-Bucer

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

*SONG OF HOPE

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Trevor Francis | Welsh Melody

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor: But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Him who is the head—Christ.

-Ephesians 4

Pastor: To Him who loves us and has set us free from our sins by His blood, and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- Revelation 1 (CSB)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING

8/28 2 Corinthians 7

8/29 2 Corinthians 8

8/30 2 Corinthians 9

8/31 2 Corinthians 10

9/1 James 4

* Please stand if able