



March 22, 2015
5th Sunday in Lent
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The People of God Gather

[* = "Please stand if able and comfortable"]

Welcoming Guests

Please sign one of the blue tablets in the pews.

Sharing Joys and Concerns as a Community in Christ:

Preparing Our Hearts & Minds for Worship:

A time of silence to prepare our hearts and minds to encounter God.

Prelude:

Ruth Smith

Introit:

*Doxology: #592 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*Call to Worship:

*Opening Hymn: #469/664 *"Morning Has Broken"*

Ritual of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace:

Prayer of Confession:

Silent Confession:

Words of Assurance of God's Grace: (Response: "Thanks be to God.")

*The Passing of Christ's Peace & Joy:

*Gloria Patri: #579

Children:

The Word Is Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:3-34

The major prophet of the time immediately before, and during some of, the Babylonian conquest of Judah and Jerusalem, the destruction of the Temple and the exile of leaders into Babylon (589/y BCE) speaks of a "new covenant" that God will make with the people, saying that God will "inscribe it upon their hearts."

New Testament (Epistle) Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:11-18

Oh my gosh! Is Paul speaking ill of the Ten Commandments . . . or of the manner by which they were "inscribed"?

Special Musical Offering: “Innegiamo” from “Cavalleria Rusticana” Pietro Mascagni
Beth Lytwynec, mezzo-soprano with Sara Chiesa, accompanist

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:28-34

If the scribe, probably a lawyer, would have billed by the word, would he have been appalled by the simplicity and straight-forward answer Jesus gave to his question in this well know story?

Sermon: *Survivor – Desert Edition*
4. Steppe 2

The People of God Respond to the Word

*Hymn: #400/822 “When We Are Living”

Pastoral Prayer & The Prayers of the People:

Lord’s Prayer:

Offering:

Offertory:

Choir

*Doxology:

*Prayer of Dedication:

Ordination and Installation of Elders:

The People Take the Word into the World

*Blessing and Benediction:

*Parting Hymn:

Postlude:

Ruth Smith

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We welcome back Sara Chiesa and another of her colleagues from the Miriam Roose Pullin program at Arizona Opera, Beth Lytwynec, whom some of you heard in the role of Olga in “Eugene Onegin,” John’s favorite opera, or in the role of the “Second Lady” in “The Magic Flute.” The song they are performing is set on Easter morning outside a church from which the person singing, Santuzza, has been ex-communicated, but since another church has booked these artists for Easter, and since the music is so lovely, only those whose understanding of Italian is good will object to our using it.

This morning we have the joy of ordaining as Ruling Elders Denise Kollert and Lois and Dave Platt, and of installing them as members of your Session.

This Saturday, at 11:00 am, there will be a Memorial Service for **Doris Wilke**, held, weather permitting, in the Memorial Garden.

Maundy Thursday Service is to be held on April 2 in Hannah Hall at 6pm. (Downstairs)

Three Coolidge churches have been invited. Please bring soup (in any container) & we need 5-6 loaves of uncut shepherd bread. See BJ or Laura Hofmann for more information.



March 25, 2015 – STAND DOWN! Stand Downs are just one part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to provide services to homeless Veterans at the National Guard Armory at 3811 Pinal Parkway from 7-3pm. Information email Dawn at

azhawks@comcast.net

Our new church website is now operating at: FlorencePresby1@icloud.co (not com but co)

All Newsletter information should be sent to: Larry & Denise Kollert at: 225butte@gmail.com

Ladies afternoon Bible Study 1st & 3rd Wed. at 1pm. Next dates: April 1st & 15th (Lesson 12- Luke 10.)

Monthly Ladies Luncheon April 10th (where is to be announced)

Men’s Breakfast 1st & 3rd Wed. at 9 am at Old Pueblo. Next date: Wed. March 18th.