



May 3, 2015
Fifth Sunday in Easter
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The People of God Gather

Welcoming Visitors

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:

Prelude: *"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"* Nancy Blank

* **Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*Call to Worship:

One: You are at work in this place, O God,

All: and you are at work in us.

One: You call us to turn our minds and hearts to you,

All: to direct our wills to your will, our voices to your praise.

One: Guide us in joy,

All: that we may worship you not only with words, but with our lives.

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

Ritual of Confession and Assurance of God's Grace:

Prayer of Confession:

All: God, you know us inside out, when we lie down and when we rise. Your knowledge is so complete and wonderful, we can never comprehend it. But that doesn't stop us from believing we have it all figured out. Forgive our arrogance and misplaced pride. You are everywhere present. Whether we find ourselves in the depths of despair or the heights of heaven, you are there. But that doesn't stop us from trying to confine you to one day of the week, one place in the future, or one favorite pew. Forgive us when we ignore your call, and when we try to hide from your gaze. Forgive us when we act as if you cannot see, when we restrict your love to our understanding, and when we claim that your presence is just for some.

Silent Confession:

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

*Gloria Patri:

The Word Is Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

All: Oh heavenly Father, pour us full of your anointing Holy Spirit so that we might receive words of Scripture and proclamation and the cup and bread of your Sacrament and have them be for us the true Word of God, illumining our lives so that we might more truly live as your children. Amen

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 139:1-18

This beautiful psalm tells how the prayers of our hearts are known before the words form in our mouths, and how we cannot escape from the presence of God.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:26-31

Jesus is giving instructions to his disciples before sending them out to spread the Good News.

The People of God Respond to the Word

***Hymn #370** "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Offering:

Offertory: " Cantemosal Senor" Nancy Blank

***Doxology:**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given / Jesus Christ, His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what - the Lord has
done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.*

***Prayer of Dedication:**

The Word Is Sealed by "Sacrament"
The Lord's Supper Is Celebrated

Meditation: *Deep Souls*
Rev. Elizabeth Smith

***Invitation:**

*** Response: #350** "Fill My Cup"

***The Passing of the Peace:**

The peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you. *(Please turn and greet several people near you with "the peace of Christ be with you.")*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us Pray: *(Leader continues)*

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. *(Leader continues)*

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. *(Leader continues)*

The Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer:

Words of Institution:

Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup:

Prayer:

Minister: You have given yourself to us, Lord. Now, through the energizing and enabling power of the gifts of which we have partaken, may we give ourselves to others. Your love has made us a new people; as a people who have received your love, may we become a new people who will serve you with joy and energy. Your glory has entered our bodies; may it reach out hearts and help us to glorify you in all the things we do as your church and, individually, as your people, so that within us, the world may see the true Light that has come into this world. **Amen.**

The People Take the Word into the World

***Hymn: #540**

“God Be with You ‘Till We Meet Again”

***Blessing and Benediction:**

***Parting Hymn:**

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you / Each hour of every day
Go now in faith: steadfast, strong and true / Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe / Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Postlude:

Nancy Blank

We welcome Rev. Elizabeth Smith, newly arrived in Arizona with her husband, Bart, who is the new minister at St. Mark's in Tucson; Elizabeth is coming from the south and used to hospitality, so I know she will receive a warm welcome here.

The “Call to Worship” and “Prayer of Confession” are by Rev. Teri Peterson.

Please join us for fellowship immediately following worship.

We have a family in need of furniture, including a baby crib. Contact our office.

The next “Bible for Dummies” will begin in November 2015, Tuesdays at 9:30.

APRIL SCHEDULE

The church has a new email address...please note the following FlorencePresby1@icloud.com

Our new church website is now operating at www.florenceazchurch.co (not “com” but “co”)

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

There will be no further Ladies Bible Study until after the summer

Monthly Ladies Luncheon May 8th (where is to be announced.)

Men's Breakfast 1st & 3rd Wed. at 9 am at Old Pueblo May 6th & May 20th.