



## **Opening Prayer (in unison)**

There are moments, O God, when we die a small death. Our hope vanishes and despair is all around. It's the small death of a void too painful to face. Remind us, that like the rising sun, hope for a new day is just a new possibility away. Breathe new life and purpose into us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## **Response No 174**    *"Hear the Voice of God, So Tender"*

Hear the voice of God, so tender  
gathering us in righteousness.  
Giving, as our sure defender,  
steadfast love and faithfulness.  
Bless God's holy name together,  
as the Spirit brings new life.  
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steadfast love and faithfulness.

**Scripture Reading**                      John 11: 1-3, 17 – 26                      Alice Paul

**Message**                                      "Theory and Practice"  
Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

**Anthem**                                      *"Here I Am, Lord"*                      arr. Arnold B. Sherman

## **A Time of Prayer**

### **Response No. 518, vs. 1**

Father almighty, bless us with Your blessing;  
answer in love Your children's supplication.  
Hear now our prayer, the spoken and unspoken;  
hear us, Eternal God.

## **Invitation to Generosity**

**Offertory**

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

adapted from Mark Hayes  
Laura Ridley, harp

**\*Doxology** Tune: NCH 17

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia,  
Praise God for all that love has done  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit: One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (together)

O God, bless these gifts that have been given for good of all people. Bless the hands responsible for their use, that they might be good stewards. Bless the hands that receive the fruits of these gifts, that they might know of your bountiful love. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Parting Hymn** No 81 *"God Be with You"* (verses 1 & 3)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction** No 78 *"Part in Peace"* (verses 1 & 3)

**Postlude** *"To God Be the Glory"* arr. David Smithers

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***When our worship is over, our service begins.***

***We go to serve the world that God loves.***

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Announcements

- *"How to Talk About Race"* discussions begin Tuesday, September 24 at 3pm in Painted Cliffs Hall.

## What's Going On

<b>TODAY</b>	(September 15)	
9:30am	Worship Service	
10:30am	Fellowship in Painted Cliffs Hall	
<b>MONDAY</b>	(September 16)	<u>Office closed</u>
12:45pm	The EDGE Study/Discussion Group via Zoom	
1:00pm	Investment Study Group	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	(September 17)	<u>Office open 9am-3pm</u>
11:00am	Bible Study at Sedona Winds	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	(September 18)	<u>Office open 9am-3pm</u>
3:30pm	Finance, Endowment & Administration Ministry	
5:00pm	Barbershop Singers	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	(September 19)	<u>Office open 9am-3pm</u>
1:00pm	Bible Study at CRR in classroom A	
3:30pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal in PCH	

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#### DISCUSSION SERIES (4 WEEKS)

Join us for 4 consecutive weeks for this series to be held in cooperation with Church of the Red Rocks.

Discussions will be held in CRR Painted Cliff Hall at 54 Bowstring Drive. The Tuesday discussion dates are Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, and 15 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Verde Valley folks are all invited to join in lively discussions.

Facilitators Rev. Anthony Mtuaswa Johnson and Penny DeJarnette will lead discussion using material from the “The Great Courses.”

There was a time, not too long ago, when talking openly about race was considered in poor taste. Even now, many people feel the topic of race is better left alone. What if we say something that’s misunderstood? What if we’re labeled a racist?

*Professor Anita Foeman understands those worries. In How to Talk about Race, she gives common-sense guidance and step-by-step instructions you can employ to develop safe and productive dialogue about race.*



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