

Southside Presbyterian Church: Tucson Arizona  
Migrant Sunday  
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**Welcome & Announcements**

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**Call to Worship**

We gather from East and West, from North and South

**Estamos cruzando fronteras, encontramos a Dios**

*(Crossing borders, we encounter God)*

We gather young and old, men and women, documented and undocumented

**Estamos cruzando fronteras, encontramos a Dios**

We gather to worship the God of all nations and peoples

**Estamos cruzando fronteras, encontramos a Dios**

We gather to praise the One whose love knows no borders

**Estamos cruzando fronteras, encontramos a Dios**

We gather to be strengthened as we work for justice and peace

**Estamos cruzando fronteras, encontramos a Dios**

We gather with the faith and the hope

**that one day the desert will once again bloom with life**

that one day the love we carry in our hearts will matter more than the documents we carry in our hands

**and that one day the walls will come tumbling down**

**And all God's people shall live together in peace!**

Praise the Lord...*The Lord's Name be Praised*

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**296 Camina, Pueblo De Dios**

**Call to Confession**

During his earthly ministry Jesus walked from village to village preaching the forgiveness of sins and healing broken lives and broken communities. Let us confess our sins knowing that Christ continues to move amongst us and is ever ready to forgive our sins and heal our lives.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**We are a journeying people who move not only from place to place but from sorrow to joy, from despair to hope, from alienation to solidarity, from resentment to love. God, in our journeying we confess that too often we turn from the path that You have put before us and go our own way; we turn from You, we turn from our neighbors. Lord, forgive us especially for turning away from our neighbors to the South and from those who cross the desert risking death in order to find life. Turn us towards you and to those who suffer so that we might work for a day when no one dies forgotten or unknown. Remind us that you are our True North, you are our compass leading the way to an abundant life.**

*Having confessed as the body of Christ let us now enter into a time of personal confession*

## **Prayers of Silent Personal Confession**

“You are the Lord Giver of Mercy”

**“You are the Christ, Giver of Mercy: You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of the Lord is wider than the desert and deeper than any thirst. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ that you are forgiven. Let us stand and sing of God’s Amazing Grace.

## **Amazing Grace**

### **Call To Faithfulness**      The Beatitudes

La vida pasada se ha ido. Una nueva vida ha comenzado. Jesús describe nuestra nueva vida juntos en estas palabras del Evangelio de Mateo:

Benditos los pobres en espíritu,  
porque el reino de los cielos les pertenece.

Benditos los que lloran,  
porque serán consolados.

Benditos los humildes,  
porque recibirán la tierra como herencia.

Benditos los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia,  
porque serán saciados.

Benditos los de corazón limpio,  
porque ellos verán a Dios.

Benditos los que trabajan por la paz,  
porque serán llamados hijos de Dios.

Benditos los perseguidos por causa de la justicia,

porque el reino de los cielos les pertenece.  
Benditos serán ustedes cuando por mi causa la gente los insulte, los persiga y levante contra ustedes toda clase de calumnias.<sup>12</sup> Alégrense y llénense de júbilo, porque les espera una gran recompensa en el cielo. Así también persiguieron a los profetas que los precedieron a ustedes. Ustedes son la sal de la tierra. Ustedes son la luz del mundo. Compartamos una señal de Cristo por la paz el uno con el otro.

## **Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace**

**A Time for Children**

Alison Harrington

**Special Music**

“Deportee”

Ellen Murphy

## **Prayers of Blessing in Tohono O' Odham**

**Hymn of Preparation**

*sing twice*

Santo, Santo, Santo

## **The Reang of the Word**

Leviticus 19:33-34

Luke 4:14-30

## **La Palabra de Dios**

Lucas 4:14-30

**The Witness to the Word** “Stories of the Journey” Norlan Prado Flores

**Special Music**

Southside Choir

## **The Prayers of the People of God**

## **Offering of our Tithes and Gifts to God**

**Hymn of Dedication**

Lead On O Cloud of Presence

## **The Charge to the Congregation**

Sandra Anderson

On the communion table are the names of those who have died crossing our desert this year. Their names, if they are known and the date their bodies were found are written on the rocks surrounding the communion table. If they were unknown the word “desconocido” unknown is written on the rock. Following our singing of God Be With You, we invite you to come forward to take one of these rocks and process out to the migrant shrine

where you are invited to place them around the shrine. Members from the choir will lead this procession and we will conclude our service in the Migrant Shrine area. We ask that as we enter into the Migrant Shrine area that you might hold the silence or join in singing.

Go out into the world  
and walk in the shoes  
of those who thirst  
and may our love be a cup of cold water

walk in the shoes  
of those who hunger  
and may our compassion be like bread

walk in the shoes of those who walk  
through a merciless desert in search of life  
and may we all walk together  
towards a land of peace and justice. Amen.

## **God Be With You**

### **Procession to the Migrant Shrine**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

### **The Blessing of the Rocks**

Migrant Christ, we ask that you would bless these rocks and receive each of our brothers and sisters represented by these rocks into the everlasting arms of your compassion. We ask your comfort for their families and finally we ask that in our placing of these rocks the stone hearts of those who create our border policies be turned towards compassion and mercy. And we would all be strengthened in our journey towards the Kingdom of God.

### **Benediction**

May Christ who walks with the wounded, blistered and calloused feet of a migrant,  
walk the way with you.

May Christ who serves with wounded hands, open your hands to serve

And may Christ who loves with a wounded heart, open your hearts to love. Amen.

### **The Congregational Amen**

### **The Joyful Ringing of the Bell**