

Pastor D's Letter March 13, 2022

This week we will sing "Called As Partners In Christ's Service" during worship as our final hymn (those on Facebook will miss this part of the service). It's a great hymn speaking to us of our calling to share God's grace with others. Here are the words, I hope they encourage you!

Verse 1

Called as partners in Christ's service
Called to ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment
Fresh new lines of faith to trace
May we learn the art of sharing
Side by side and friend with friend
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfil God's chosen end

Verse 2

Christ's example Christ's inspiring
Christ's clear call to work and worth
Let us follow never faltering
Reconciling folk on earth
Men and women richer poorer
All God's people young and old
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold

Verse 3

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission
In a small or global sense
Help us bear each other's burdens
Breaking down each wall or fence
Words of comfort words of vision
Words of challenge said with care
Bring new power and strength for action
Make us colleagues free and fair

Verse 4

So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife
Make us partners in our living
Our compassion to increase
Messengers of faith thus giving
Hope and confidence and peace

Speaking of partnership, this week in our service we will renew our commitment to being a Mission Partner with The Care Portal. The Care Portal helps families in crisis by partnering with DCS (the AZ Department of Child Safety) to ask Churches to meet basic needs of families so they can stay together, and keep children out of the Foster Child Program. On Sunday we will hear how this ministry, impacts the local DCS workers. Our service will end with those present laying hands on our partners and praying for them. I hope you can attend.

Your Partner In Christ's Service

Darren

NEWS UPDATES

- Join us for **Fellowship after church** in the Fellowship Hall.
- Adult SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall (Cold Case Christianity).
- **Join us for WVN Bible Study this Wednesday, at 6 p.m. We will be studying Luke 6.**
- **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** IN WORSHIP! Be considerate of those who choose to wear masks and maintain social distance.
- NEXT WEEK We Welcome and Renew our Partnership with JESU PAN DAVIDA. Join us for Worship at 9 a.m. The **BAKED POTATO BASH** (a fundraiser for Jesu Pan Davida) will take place during Fellowship Time on March 27th.
- If you cannot come in person, we continue to broadcast our **SERVICE LIVE** every Sunday at 9 a.m. on <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaPresbyterianChurch/>. Our account is public. **YOU DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO WATCH.** If you come to worship in person or watch at home, **invite a friend to join you.** **Worship sheets** are available on our website at <https://www.sierravistayuma.com/> under the NEWS Tab.
- If you wish to receive the monthly **newsletter** or know someone who wants to receive **Pastor D's Letter**, contact the church office with your email information.
- **THANK YOU for your CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT** of the church by giving in person, mailing a check, or giving ONLINE.