

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**March 5, 2023, at 10:00am**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”*  
*“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*  
*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*  
*“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”*  
*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*  
*“Jesus My Lord”*  
*“Understand ‘Twas for You That I Died”*  
*“Be Still, My Soul”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CHIMES**

(The pouring of water invites us to remember and to celebrate our baptism into the body of Christ.)

**PRELUDE**

*“Beautiful Savior”* (Smith)

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 121:1, 5, 8

From where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Who is our keeper?

**The Lord is our keeper, by day and night.**

How long will God protect us?

**God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

Let us worship God.

**\*OPENING HYMN #12**

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

(Welsh Folk Melody)

## **\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown; until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## **\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

*“Glory Be to the Father”* (Greatorex)

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We cannot earn God’s grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God’s love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

## **THE WORD**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray.  
**Amen.**

## **A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Dietta Hitchcock

## **READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS**

Psalm 121

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**DUET**                    “Jesus Is Here” (Arr. Stamegna) (Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop)

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospels if you are able)

**\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 3:1-17

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN #268**

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* (Elvey)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Nicene Creed* (381 AD)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts but also ourselves, in deep gratitude—for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER (See Insert)

### OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

### RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves to others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SENDING

\***CLOSING HYMN #203**      *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*  
(Ghanaian Folk Melody) (March Hymn of the Month)

\***MOMENT OF SILENCE TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH**

\***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

\***POSTLUDE**

*"At the Cross"*

\*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

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