

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**April 24, 2022
10:00am**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

“Great Is the Lord”

“Up From the Grave He Arose”

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

“This Is the Day”

“He Is Lord”

“Glorify Your Name”

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

“Easter Hymn” (Price)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 150

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God’s mighty deeds!

Give praise for God’s resurrecting power!

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

Praise God with the harp and the cello!

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

***OPENING HYMN #37** *“Let All Things Now Living”* (Welsh Folk Melody)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all may have new life. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. So let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord’s desire to give us peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life. As God’s own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples, may your Word enter into us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may yet believe. Amen.

READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 150

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Revelation 1:4–8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 5:27–32

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

QUARTET

“To God Be the Glory” (Doane/Arr. Lister)

Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop, Wayne Glass, Bob Williams

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

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 20:19–31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

***HYMN #254**

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” (Praetorius)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

“For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.” (2 Corinthians 8:12)

God doesn't care if we have 2 pennies or 2 billion dollars. When we give according to what we have, we please him with an offering from the heart. He works in us to create margin so that we are not always busting at our budget's seams. (Tithe.ly)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Alleluia” (Sinclair)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened, and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen.

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.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #267**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

(Spanish Folk Melody)

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

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Because He Lives”

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

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