

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**May 15, 2022
10:00am**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
“For the Beauty of the Earth”
“We Are One in the Spirit”
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
“Soon and Very Soon”
“Hallelujah!”
“O How He Loves You and Me”
“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

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

“Crown Him With Many Crowns” (Hughes)

***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

Feasting on the Word

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.
Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN #15**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”
(Kirchengesang)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. **Amen**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love. Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel:

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

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

(Greatorex)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 148

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Revelation 21:1–6

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 11:1–18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SOLO

“You Raise Me Up” (Graham/Lovland) (Wayne Bevers)

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

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 13:31–35

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

***HYMN #306**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (Nageli)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” Let us with gladness offer to God the gifts of our labor, life, and love.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (Parks)

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Genevan Psalter

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 #37** *“Let All Things Now Living”* (Welsh 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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