

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**May 22, 2022  
10:00am**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”  
“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”  
“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”  
“Blessed Be the Name”  
“Shall We Gather at the River”  
“I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry”  
“Wade in the Water”  
“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”*

**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**

*“Echo Alleluia”* (Purcell)

**\*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 67:3

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #265**

*“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”* (Hatton)

## **\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Astonishing God, you give us a vision of the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, your home among mortals on earth. All people and nations will stream to your city where they will find nourishment, healing, and peace. Even now your blessing shines upon all the earth to help us see a larger vision of your loving care for all creation. And so, you call us to move beyond our comfortable circles, and into unfamiliar places, as we seek to share your dream of a world made new in Christ. **Amen.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Do not let your hearts be troubled, but confess your sins and God will give you peace.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Let your hearts be still, for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing. Beloved, receive the peace of Christ.

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

*“Glory Be to the Father”*

(Greatorex)

## **THE WORD**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Living God, you sent your apostle to preach the gospel to women gathered by a river, in a secluded place of prayer. There a businesswoman named Lydia was led by the Spirit to hear your word as truth. You opened her heart in love, and she opened her home for the spreading of the gospel. By the power of your Holy Spirit, fling wide the doors of our hearts this day as we hear your word of life, that we too may open our lives to serve your world in love. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

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

Psalm 67

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

## READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Revelation 21:10; 21:22–22:5

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

## READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 16:9–15

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

**QUARTET**      *“Randy’s Hymn”* (music by Debenport) (text by Randy Nolen)  
(Fred Bennett, Mary Hubbard, Wendy Lunsford, Randy Nolen)

### *“Randy’s Hymn”*

1. See the holes in my hands where nails pierced them. Place your hand in the wound in my side. Understand the Good News of the Gospel:  
Understand ’twas for you that I died.
2. See the stone where it lies now discarded. See the tomb bare, the folded grave clothes; Understand the Good News of the Gospel:  
Understand ’twas for you that I rose.
3. Tend the naked, the hungry, the dying. Work for peace. Call your enemy, friend. Understand the command that I leave you.  
Understand it is you that I send.
4. Deny self, take your cross and come after. Preach Good News to each nation and race. Whom I lead, I enable to follow. Whom I call, I uphold with my grace.

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

## \*READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 14:23–29

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

## SERMON

### \*HYMN #321

*“The Church’s One Foundation”* (Wesley)

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9; Matt. 16:16;  
Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ Jesus died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## OFFERING

The earth has yielded its increase and God has richly blessed us. Therefore, bring your tithes and offerings and come into God's courts with praise.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Dona Nobis Pacem"* (Traditional)

## \*DOXOLOGY #606

Genevan Psalter

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**Giving God, as spring bursts forth its blossoms in witness to your love, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name 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 #41** *"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"* (Kraus)

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

\***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

\***POSTLUDE**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

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