

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**September 4, 2022, at 10:00am**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”*

*“Take, O Take Me as I Am”*

*“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*

*“God Is Calling through the Whisper”*

*“When We Are Living”*

*“Take Our Bread”*

*“Fill My Cup, Lord”*

*“There Is a Redeemer”*

**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**

*“To God Be the Glory”* (Doane)

**\*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**

Genesis 1:26–28

“Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image according to our likeness;

**So, God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.**

As those who bear the likeness and blessing of God, as mortals charged with holy purpose, let us worship the One who summons us to life.

**\*OPENING HYMN #667**

*“When Morning Gilds the Skies”* (Barnby)

## **\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Weaver of life, framer of the ages, we marvel at your artistry and the trust you place in us. From our first cries to our final breaths, we are your own. Bind us now to each other in ways beyond our choosing, that your purpose might find fulfillment in our common life and service, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the firstborn of all creation. **Amen.**

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

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

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of the Christ I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new. Let us live as those reborn. Hear the Good News of the Gospel:

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

## **THE WORD**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy and merciful God, we have come to hear your word. Help us to bear it. Break down in us all that resists your will and plant in us a willingness to turn, for we would live; we would be your disciples. By your Spirit, come to us now, in ancient texts, in everyday visions, in the need of our neighbor; we pray in the name of Jesus, our light. **Amen.**

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

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

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

## READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 18:1–11

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

## READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Philemon 1–21

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

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

## \*READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Luke 14:25–33

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

## SERMON

### \*HYMN #826

*“Lift High the Cross”* (Nicholson)

### \*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

**God of all creation, your claim on us is total; your desire for us, complete. We cannot follow Christ from a comfortable distance. Yet we ask that you would receive us this day and use what we bring. Keep sending your Spirit into our hearts, until we yield all**

**that we love and all that we fear to your holy purpose. For we long to cede our lives to you; we long to know the fullness of your joy. We dare to pray in the name of Jesus, who gave his life out of love for the world. 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 #443**      *"There Is a Redeemer"* (Green)  
(September hymn of the month)

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

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**      *"There Is Power in the Blood"*

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

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.

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