

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**September 11, 2022  
10:00am**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”  
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”  
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
“The Light of the World Is Jesus”  
“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”  
“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”  
“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”  
“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**

*“God Is So Good”* (Sewell)

**\*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**

Jeremiah 4:11 –12

Let us bow before our Creator,  
**whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,**  
whose Word has the power to create, to judge, and to save.  
**Come, let us worship God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #363**

*“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”* (Darwall)

## **\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Gracious God, when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day, you are Lord; and when chaos threatens to overwhelm and we dread the next news cycle—still, you are Lord. Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining. Speak then your mercy into this place until we discover the courage to open our eyes, unclench our hands, and move toward our neighbor in need, until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace; for we long to honor the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray. **Amen.**

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

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

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Sisters and brothers, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God every time we turn toward our home and remember whose we are. With open hearts, let us pray.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home—until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

But this we call to mind, and therefore have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. In the name of the Lord, who is our portion and our hope, I declare that our sin is forgiven. May our mouths be filled with praise. Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:

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

## **THE WORD**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Mighty God, you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts. By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live, that we might be shaped into your people, eager to bear your claim in the world and to give flesh to your future. For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. **Amen.**

## **A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

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

Psalm 14

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

### **READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28

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

### **READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

1 Timothy 1:12–17

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 15:1–10

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

## **SERMON**

### **\*HYMN #418**

*“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”* (Thompson)

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**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 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**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Time and again, God clears a path for us to seek the way of life, to do good, to become a refuge for the poor. That path lies before us. With joy, let us offer our gifts and our lives in trust.

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* (Colvin)

### **\*DOXOLOGY #606**

Genevan Psalter

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known that our lives might show forth your glory. For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. 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 #443**      *"There Is a Redeemer"* (Green)  
(September hymn of the month)

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

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**      *"America, the Beautiful"*

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

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