

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**September 18, 2022
10:00am**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Be Thou My Vision”
“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”
“Children of the Heavenly Father”
“There Is a Balm in Gilead”
“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”
“Peace, Be Still”
“Kum Ba Yah”
“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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

“Thine Is the Glory” (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

Psalm 79:9; 124:8

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name’s sake.

***OPENING HYMN #169**

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (Maker)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

You hear the cries of your people for justice and mercy; you answer our prayers with the gift of your Son, who bears our burdens and sets us free. Speak your truth to us; purge and refine us; that we may love and serve you alone. **Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be to the Father” (Greatorex)

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful, washes us clean. With one heart and voice, let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life, we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name’s sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. It cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Nothing you have done, nothing you will ever do is enough to separate you from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. I declare in the name of the risen Christ that our sin is forgiven, and our lives are made new. Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel.

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. **Amen.**

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 79:1–9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 Timothy 2:1–7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

DUET

“One More River” (Traditional Spiritual, Arr. Rentz)
(Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop)

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

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Luke 16:1–13

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

***HYMN #366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Prichard)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God longs for us to bring everything that we are, everything that we have, to this relationship; God loves us that much. May the offerings we bring this day be tokens of our reciprocal desire.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Wonderful Peace” (Frick)

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Genevan Psalter

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Gracious God, source of our daily bread and Sabbath trust, you feed us with your love and equip us to share in your purpose. Receive the offerings of our wounded spirits, our guarded purses, our meager strength, and continue to expand our hearts, until we live with the boldness and joy of Easter morning; for we pray in the name of your son, 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**

“Love Lifted Me”

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

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