

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**  
**July 21, 2024, at 10:00am**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”*  
*“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*  
*“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*  
*“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”*  
*“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*  
*“El Shaddai”*  
*“On Eagle’s Wings”*  
*“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”*

**WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“Lead On, O King Eternal”* (Sewell)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mark 6:31

Christ says, come away to a deserted place and rest a while.

**God calls us to quiet and rest, even as we continue to minister to those in need.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #761** *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”* (Zundel)

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say we are without sin, we are liars. So, in truth and boldness let us confess our sins to God, for God is faithful and loves us eternally.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. Amen.**

(In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.)

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

As your siblings in Christ, I remind you that you have been restored to the grace of God. Therefore, let us share a sign of peace with one another, for this congregation is the feast that God has prepared for us.

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

**\*HYMN #582**                    *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”* (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,  
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

Chorus: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end,  
without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. (Chorus)

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As God’s forgiven people, let us pass the peace to one another offering signs of welcome and acceptance of love.

**REFLECTION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Reverend Rose McCurdy

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

May the reading of your Word draw near to you those of us once far off.  
May the hearing of your Word break down the dividing walls between us,  
for Jesus Christ, your living Word, is our peace. **Amen.**

**READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

**FIRST READING**

Psalm 23

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 2:11-22

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

**SERMON**

Reverend Rose McCurdy

**\*HYMN #187**

*“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”* (Bradbury)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

God spreads a table of blessings before us. Let us express our gratitude by giving a portion of what has been given to us.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*“O Jesus, I Have Promised”* (Warriner)

**\*DOXOLOGY #606**

Genevan Psalter

## PASTORAL PRAYER / 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. Amen.**

### SENDING

**\*CLOSING HYMN #839** *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”* (Knapp)  
(July Hymn of the Month)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *“Lead On, O King Eternal”*

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