

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

July 28, 2024, at 10:00am

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

“Morning Has Broken”

“Great Is the Lord”

“Hallelujah!”

“My Hope Is Built”

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

We are seeking after you, loving God, for you are our refuge. Your power is at work within and among us, even when we are unaware. We want to respond, not as fools, but as faithful friends of Jesus. We have come to discover the riches we did not know we possessed. We are here to offer our best for the good of all. Use us, we pray, to accomplish in and through this church, far more than we can ask or imagine. All glory be to you, amazing God, in this and every hour, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (Chesterton)

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the hour to bend our knee before the Almighty One.

This is a time to offer our best to our Creator.

We gather before Jehovah, who sees all our deeds.

We open our hearts to the One who knows all our thoughts.

Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

We come together proclaiming, “Yahweh is with us!”

We come to be strengthened in our inner being.

We seek to patter our actions after Christ Jesus.

Our Creator’s presence evokes our joyous worship.

The Holy spirit empowers our service in the world.

To El Shaddai be highest glory in the church.

To Elohim be endless adoration in the world.

***OPENING HYMN #336**

“We Gather Together” (Genenck-Clanck)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

The psalmist asserted that all have gone astray, all are alike, and at times perverse. There is no one who always does good – no, not one. We often behave badly towards our neighbors and do not call upon God for guidance as we should. Before we dismiss these claims as unwarranted, let us examine ourselves before our God.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Oh God, you know our secret hearts. You are aware of our distortions, our jealousies, our lusts. You observe our faithfulness, our treachery, our unwarranted fears. We are corrupted by our greed, self-indulgences, and desires to be entertained. We do not take responsibility for our misconduct, our abuse of power, our lack of trust in you. We often have little sense of vision to see beyond immediate circumstances or to embrace new possibilities. We miss the signs of your grace and resist the empowerment of your Holy Spirit. Mighty God, still the storms within us with your transforming peace and boundless forgiveness. In the name of Jesus, forgive us. Amen.

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

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Sisters, brothers, and family, God love us, forgives us, and frees us from our sins; therefore, be at peace and love with boldness and generosity.

**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 Jim Bignell

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty Creator of us all, we know that all who truly know the love of Christ which surpasses all human understanding, hear us we pray. We are rescued, delivered, and restored to fullness of life in you Father. We are being rooted and grounded in love that we, in turn, might show love to others. We know that we are invited to join the saints in realizing ever fuller dimensions of life centered in faith and trust. In his name, **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

Psalm 121

SECOND READING

John 6:1-13; 16-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Miracles and Faith”

Reverend Jim Bignell

*HYMN #687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Croft) (verses 1-4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, 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 worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let us joyfully share our abundance with others, as we trust in God who provides for all our needs.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Teach Me Thy Way, Lord” (Clarke)

*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

Almighty Heavenly Sovereign, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Adonai, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be given honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE #700** *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*
(African American Spiritual)

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