

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

August 11, 2024, at 10:00am

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”
“Take My Life, and Let It Be”
“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
“Shall We Gather at the River”
“God Is So Good”
“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
“I Surrender All”

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

We come to you, Holy God, with our many needs. Some of us are people in authority with weighty decisions to make. Some of us are fighting battles we cannot win without Your help. Some have faced unexpected losses that tear at the very fabric of life. There are broken relationships among us, feelings we do not want to admit, realities we do not want to face. There are also joys we have not really celebrated, reasons to give thanks to which we have never given voice. We come, O God, to be lifted out of our ruts and routines, seeking instead to find fullness of life with You. **Amen.**

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” (Lewis)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wait for God, who deals gently with us.

Watch for God’s appearance among us.

Out of the depth we cry out to our Heavenly Sovereign.

Will the Heavenly Sovereign hear our supplications?

In all times and places, we can rely on El Shaddai

We can know steadfast love, here and now.

We keep our morning watch together.

We will support one another as we seek to know Adonai.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, as we hear your gracious Word, make us hungry for Jesus,
Your holy manna, that we may feed on him, the bread of life. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

Psalm 130

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:21 - 5:2

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Eliminate the Negative; Latch onto the Affirmative!”

Reverend Jim Bignell

***HYMN #697**

“Take My Life” (Malan) (verses 1,2,5)

***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

As Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, let us offer ourselves to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“As the Deer” (Nystrom/Wagner)

*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 #614

“Great Are You, Lord” (Smith)

(August Hymn of the Month)

*BENEDICTION

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as we sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in our hearts to God. And whatever we do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Go now in peace and may the LORD watch between us while we are apart. **Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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