# 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.

Find hope in the Creator's power to redeem us. Give thanks for the new day the Creator promises to us.

Life's battles cannot destroy us. The losses we suffer are not the last word.

\*OPENING HYMN #15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"
(Kirchengesang) (verses 1, 2, 3, 4)

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, confessing our sins before God and one another.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.

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

## \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let us put away bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven 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. 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

# 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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