

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

August 18, 2024, at 10:00am

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“Let All Things Now Living”

“Alleluia”

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

“Be Thou My Vision”

“Thank You, Lord”

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

CHIMES

PRELUDE

Chorale from “Gothic Suite” (Boellmann)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 6:6, 8

With what shall we come before the Holy One
and bow ourselves before God on high?

God has shown us what is good.

What does the Holy One require of us,

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with our God?

***OPENING HYMN #41** “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” (Kraus)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Seeking the wisdom of the Lord, let us consider how we have lived,
confessing our sins and trusting in the mercy of God.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

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

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; be at peace for a new life has begun.

**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

Lucy Tucker

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, through the reading of holy Scripture, feed us with your living Word and reveal to us the way of everlasting life. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:16-22

SECOND READING

James 4:1-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Principles for Peace”

Pastor Terry Aiello

***HYMN #835**

“*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*” (North American Hymn)

***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 has given to us the bread of life. With joyful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“*Chapel Bells*” (Stairs)

***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**

***POSTLUDE**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

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