

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**September 1, 2024, at 10:00am  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”  
“Fill My Cup, Lord”  
“Break Thou the Bread of Life”  
“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”  
“Work, for the Night Is Coming”  
“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”  
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”  
“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

**WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* (Smith)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 15:1–2

Who may abide in the presence of God?

**Who may live on God’s holy mountain?**

All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right.

**All those who speak truth from their heart.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #14**

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”* (Kocher)

(Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins before God and the world, trusting in God’s mercy to forgive.

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

## **\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Friends, do not despair: God renews us by the word of truth, that we might become the first fruits of God's creation.

**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 peace.

## **REFLECTION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Dietta Hitchcock

### **THE WORD**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord, by the power of your Spirit open our hearts and minds to receive your Word that we not forget the wonders you have done nor neglect to make them known to our children, nor fail to tell them to the world. **Amen.**

## READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

### FIRST READING

James 1:17-27

### SECOND READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

### SERMON

Reverend Dr. Kelly

Pigott

### \*HYMN #703

*“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”* (Hemy)

### \*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.**

## THE LORD’S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right...  
...We pray as you taught us,

**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.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD AND CUP**

### **RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

### **PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

#### **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #838**      *“Standing on the Promises”* (Carter)  
(September Hymn of the Month)

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

Go in peace to love and serve. **We go in the name of Christ.** The blessing of God be with you, the love of Jesus fill you, and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you, now and forevermore.

#### **\*POSTLUDE**

*“Go to the World!”*

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