

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

September 8, 2024, at 10:00am

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
“In Christ There Is No East or West”
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
“Trust and Obey”
“The Gift of Love”
“Trusting Jesus”
“Let There Be Peace on Earth”
“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“March from ‘Rinaldo’” (Handel)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship.
Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcome.

This is a place where all belong.

This is a time when all are accountable to God.

The Maker of all seeks our common good.

The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

We are not judges over our sisters and brothers.

We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Come to sing praises and put your trust in God.

Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ’s name.

We bring all our needs to God, our hope.

We want to share faith and hope with others.

***OPENING HYMN #610**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Glaser)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Because God is near to the brokenhearted, let us consider how we have lived,
confessing our sins and trusting in God’s mercy to save.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Author of all humankind, come to lift us up to our full humanity as we worship you in this hour. You surround us on every side and are acquainted with all our ways. You know our shallow motives and our deepest thoughts. You are aware of the distinctions we make and the favoritism we express. Yet you welcome us, not as strangers but as heralds of your reign. We want to worship you and to represent you well. Come among us now with your transforming power. Amen

(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

Reverend Jim Bignell

DUET

“This Train” (American Spiritual/Arr. Moore)

(Wayne Bevers and Bob Entrop)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and rekindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the Earth. Fill us with your presence that we might hear your instruction for us here today.

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

Psalm 19

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21
I Thessalonians 5:16-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Teach Me to Pray

Reverend Jim Bignell

*HYMN #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” (Scott)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and 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 worshipped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in 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 all who revere the Lord, who desire to serve the Lord in sincerity and in faithfulness, bring their gifts with joyful hearts.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (Hughes)

*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 #838

“Standing on the Promises” (Carter)
September Hymn of the Month

*BENEDICTION

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be confident knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us. Go forth in peace.

*POSTLUDE

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

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