

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

Sunday, June 28, 2020

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

*“O Jesus, I Have Promised”
“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”
“God of Our Life”
“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”
“Take My Life, and Let It Be”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” (Mason)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

**Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, ‘I have prevailed’;
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

***OPENING HYMN #67**

“My Song Forever Shall Record” (Praetorius)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, it is our affirmation that we who were once slaves to sin are no longer so, but are now instead slaves to righteousness. Why then do we persist in our pointless efforts to become our own gods? Why do we continue to neglect our neighbors in need? Why do we remain self-centered and fearful and hardened? We do not understand ourselves.

Forgive us, we pray. Move us by your Spirit to live as those who live now under your grace, free of the shackles of sin. Transform us from within. Cleanse and heal us. Make us totally yours, through Christ who died and rose so that we might be free. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Genesis 22:1-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Romans 6:12-23

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SOLO

“O Lord Most Holy” (Franck)

Bob Entrop

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 10:40-42

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“What Kind of God is This?!”

***HYMN #701**

“Lord, Prepare Me” (3 times) (Thompson/Scruggs)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (1649)

There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty; most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; most just and terrible in his judgments; hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING TO GOD OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

MUSICAL OFFERING *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* (Jordan)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Redeeming God, in your Son you have brought us from death to life, and now we reside under your grace. You have freed us from sin and made us slaves instead of righteousness. By your grace we have been sanctified, made holy, in Christ. We are assured of eternal life in him.

In response, we acknowledge your commandment to pursue holiness, to reject sin, to embrace grace, to live in faith and joy. Only through your Holy Spirit may we achieve what we promise. Pour out over us your Spirit, we pray. Amen.

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #700**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"
(African American Spiritual)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

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

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.