

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

Sunday, July 12, 2020

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

*“O for a Closer Walk with God”
“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
“Thy Word”
“Where He Leads Me”
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
“Hallelujah!”
“Come, Bring Your Burdens to God”
“Come to the Water”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Variations on “Old 100th” (Jordan)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

**Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.**

I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

**The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.**

Your decrees are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

**I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.**

***OPENING HYMN #14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (Kocher)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, Paul's words to us in his Roman letter so perfectly describe our condition. Each time we read them they cause us to recognize, with regret, our sin and rebellion against you. So many times, our tendencies to live according to the flesh, according to our sinful motivations and desires, overcome our devotion to you and our desire to be completely yours. Paul writes that to set our minds on the flesh is death; to set our minds on the flesh is hostile to you.

Forgive us, we pray, when we make and worship our own foolish idols, when we injure others unwittingly or purposefully. Forgive us when we live according to the flesh, rather than the Spirit. Send that same spirit to heal and help us, so that we may more perfectly model our lives after the One who died and rose to save us. We pray in his name. 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 25:19-34

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Romans 8:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SOLO

"I Thank You"

Wayne Bevers

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 13:1-23

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“100, 60, 30”

*HYMN #287

“*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*” (vss. 1, 2, 5)
(Niwagila)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From “*The Confession of 1967*”

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

PASTORAL PRAYER

REFLECTIONS ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD’S RESOURCES

MUSICAL OFFERING

“*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*” (Denton)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy One, the record of Scripture is filled with the evidence of your providence and compassion for those you have claimed as your own, for those like Sarah and Abraham, Rebekah and Isaac, Jacob and the women who bore him twelve sons. In many of these ancient stories the women were barren for a time, yet you were and are always faithful. You kept your covenant: in time each woman bore children whose offspring would become a great nation.

Your diligent and loving providence continues to us, in many and diverse ways, and we are thankful. By your Holy Spirit, mold our thanks into action and devotion, so that we may share your compassion with the world, and most especially, the message of your boundless grace to us in your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

