

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC SET**

*“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”*  
*“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*  
*“In Christ There Is No East or West”*  
*“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”*  
*“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*  
*“Precious Memories”*  
*“Holy Ground”*  
*“There Is a Redeemer”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“Blessed Assurance”* (Colvin)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have come to worship the living God,  
**who knit us together when we were yet unnamed,  
and welcomes us with a parent’s embrace.**

We have come to worship the almighty God,  
**who searches us and knows our hearts,  
and still loves us completely.**

We have come to worship the eternal God,  
**who seeks us wherever we are  
and shepherds us with a guiding hand.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #435**    *“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*  
(Dutch Melody)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful and compassionate God, the words of your Son recorded in the gospels remind us that there remain consequences for those who embrace sin, even though he has made the way clear for us to redemption by his dying and rising. There remain the wheat and weeds, the righteous and those who embrace evil. In truth, we see in ourselves that tendency, even though redeemed, and we confess it with humility.**

**Forgive our evil inclinations of thought, word, and deed. Heal and help us, we pray. Pour your Holy Spirit into us each day, each hour, and transform us ever more into the image of Christ. 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

Psalm 139

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

### READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Romans 8:12-25

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

### SOLO

*“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”* (Temple)

Bob Entrop

### \*READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

### A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SERMON

“Even There”

### \*HYMN #488

*“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”* (Ylvisaker)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Heidelberg Catechism* (1562)

What do you understand by the providence of God?

**The almighty and ever-present power of God  
by which God upholds, as with his hand,  
heaven  
and earth  
and all creatures,  
and so rules them that  
leaf and blade,  
rain and drought,  
fruitful and lean years,  
food and drink,  
health and sickness,  
prosperity and poverty—  
all things, in fact,  
come to us  
not by chance  
but by his fatherly hand.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S RESOURCES**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Where'er You Walk"* (Handel)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**Lord of our lives, you have and do give us your sacred Spirit, who bears witness to us that we are your children, and not only children, but heirs along with Christ, of your glory. In hope we have been saved, through him.**

**Therefore, we choose the way of the Spirit, rather than the way of the flesh. We bear with the sufferings of this present time, waiting for the glory soon to be revealed to us. We groan inwardly, waiting for the fulfillment of our adoption by you, and we maintain hope, trusting in your providence and plan. All this we do because we are your children and heirs, through Christ. 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 #702** "Christ Be Beside Me" (Gaelic Melody)

\***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

\***POSTLUDE** *"Never Alone"*

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

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