

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

Sunday, August 9, 2020

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”
“God Is Calling through the Whisper”
“Guide My Feet”
“God of the Sparrow”
“Jesus, Name Above All Names”
“When We Are Living”
“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”
“I Believe”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“I Love to Tell the Story” (Keeney)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 85, Selected Verses

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

*OPENING HYMN #410

“God is Calling Through the Whisper”

(Polish Carol)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who saves us from storm and tempest, you also save us from the just consequences of our intrinsic sin. Forgive us when we take your salvation as license to think and act in ways opposed to the way of sacrificial love for others, as taught and lived by your Son. Forgive us when we are smugly certain of our own salvation and disdainful of those whom we assume have not received it from you. Grant us the humility and compassion of Jesus as we live in the world as his disciples and ambassadors. 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 NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS Romans 10:5-15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SOLO *“We Shall Overcome”* (African American Spiritual) Meredith Entrop

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS** Matthew 14:22-33

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Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Take Heart. I Am.”

***HYMN #832** *“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”* (Kenyan Melody)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (1649)

Humanity, by its Fall, made itself incapable of life by the first covenant, but the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace, wherein he freely offers to sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ, requiring of them faith in him, that they may be saved, and promising to give to all those that are ordained to life, his Holy Spirit, to make them willing and able to believe.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (Parks)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, there are not words to express our gratitude and thanksgiving for the salvation we have been granted in Christ. How do we measure the value of abundant, rich, and eternal life in him?

We offer our everlasting praise. We offer our lives in his service. We offer time, talent, and treasure, all of which belong to you, as we belong to you. We are stewards, managers, of your resources, given into our hands for a time, so that we may use them to exhibit your kingdom to the world. This service we perform with joy, through your precious Son. 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 #741** *"Guide My Feet"* (vss. 1, 2, 5, 6)
(African American Spiritual)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *"To God Be the Glory"*

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

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