

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

Sunday, August 16, 2020

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
“In Christ There Is No East or West”
“El Shaddai”
“Marching to Zion”
“God, Give Us Christian Homes”
“Hymn of Promise”
“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Praise Him With Trumpets” (Blake)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
**It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
**For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

***OPENING HYMN #299** *“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”*
(Anonymous)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
For all the ways we create and maintain divisions, we beg your forgiveness;
For all the ways we seek ways to demean and belittle others, we beg your forgiveness;
For all the ways we labor to find fault with others while ignoring our own sin; we beg your forgiveness.
Heal and remake us, we pray, so that we might fully love others as we love ourselves.
We pray in the name of the one who commanded us to exercise humility at all times and in all ways. 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 11:25-36

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

DUET

“Lamb of God” (Decius)
Dr. Sara Montgomery and Raylene Moore

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 15:21-28

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Great is Your Faith”

***HYMN #318**

“In Christ There is No East or West”

(Reinagle)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness, but God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. Malachi 3:10

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Amazing Grace" (Broughton)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Astounding God, how deep are the riches and wisdom and knowledge of you. How unsearchable are your judgments, how inscrutable your ways. Who has known your mind, and who has been your counselor? From you and through you and to you are all things. To you be the glory forever. 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 #649** *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”*
(Columbian Harmony)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *“Heaven Came Down”*

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

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