

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

Sunday, August 23, 2020

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

*“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*

*“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”*

*“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

*“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”*

*“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*

*“We Are One in the Spirit”*

*“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”*

*“He Touched Me”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

*“Lead On, O King Eternal”* (Sewell)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side

—let Israel now say—

**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,**

**when our enemies attacked us,**

**then they would have swallowed us up alive,**

**when their anger was kindled against us;**

then the flood would have swept us away,

the torrent would have gone over us;

**then over us would have gone**

**the raging waters.**

Blessed be the Lord,

who has not given us

as prey to their teeth.

**We have escaped like a bird**

**from the snare of the fowlers;**

**the snare is broken,**

**and we have escaped.**

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,**

**who made heaven and earth.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #353** *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”* (omit vs. 3)  
(Bradbury)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we beg your forgiveness today for all the ways we create and worship idols. We beg your forgiveness for our tendency to elevate other things above our allegiance to you, and you alone. We beg your pardon when we hold any priority over our devotion and service to your Son, the Messiah. We are so prone to worship other things. Forgive us, we pray. By your Holy Spirit, cleanse and renew us for complete allegiance to you, to your Spirit, and to the living 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**

Exodus 1:8-14

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

**READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS**

Romans 12:1-8

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

**SOLO**

*“The Silent Place”*

Wayne Bevers

**\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 16:13-20

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

**\*HYMN #839**

*“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”* (Knapp)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934)*

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we must hear and which we must trust and obey in life and in death.**

**We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?” Matthew 6:25

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*“It is Well With My Soul”* (Ritter)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**Gracious and benevolent God, you have rescued us from our sin in Christ, your beloved Son, for lives of humble service in his name. We are no longer slaves to sin, but are now instead slaves to you.**

**In response to your gracious redemption, we pledge our lives to sacrificial service to others, those near at hand and those far away. We acknowledge Christ's commandment to love others as we love ourselves. We acknowledge his commandment to love our enemies and to pray for them. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may faithfully keep his commandments. 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.**

