

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

Sunday, August 30, 2020

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

“Lord, Speak to Me”

“Here I Am, Lord”

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

“When We Are Living”

“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

“Jesus, We Are Here”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“More Than Conquerors” (Peterson)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 26, Selected Verses

Vindicate me, O Lord,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and mind.**

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

**My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.**

***OPENING HYMN #15** *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* (vss. 1, 4, 6)
(Kirchengesang)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess that we neglect and ignore the clear instruction we receive in Scripture. Our love is not genuine; we do not hate what is evil; we do not hold fast to what is good. We do not outdo one another in showing honor. We do not persevere in prayer. We do not bless those who persecute us. We do not live in harmony with each other. We do not reject haughtiness.

Forgive us, mighty God: we cast ourselves on your abundant mercy. Heal our self-centered and fear-filled souls. Teach us empathy, compassion, and humility. We pray in the name of the One who calls us to deny ourselves and take up our crosses. 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 3:1-15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Romans 12:9-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SOLO *“Lead Me Lord”* (Arnel de Pano)

Mary Jodys Pacquing

*READING FROM THE GOSPELS

Matthew 16:21-28

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Old Rugged Cross”

*HYMN #726

“Will You Come and Follow Me” (vss. 1, 2, 5)
(Scottish Melody)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed (381 AD)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do

good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

MUSICAL OFFERING

“O Lord Most Holy” (Abt)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Astounding God, you called Moses on the mountain to be your servant, to lead your people out of bitter slavery into freedom and hope. When Moses asked your name, you replied to him, “I AM WHO I AM.” In the same way your Son calls us out of ourselves, to deny ourselves, to take up our crosses, and to follow him. Today we give thanks that you call us and equip us to be more than we can be.

Our response, today and always, is to heed your call and the call of your Son, to risk, to deny ourselves, to carry our crosses, to offer compassion first and above any other response. To live as devoted and joy-filled disciples of the risen and reigning Christ. We pray in his name. 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 #69**

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (Schutte)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

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

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