

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**Communion Sunday
September 6, 2020**

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

*“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”
“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
“Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand”
“Lamb of God”
“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”
“Lead Me, Lord”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“My Dear Redeemer and My Lord” (Colvin)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 149, Selected Verses

Praise the Lord!

**Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

**Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.**

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with victory.

**Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their couches.**

Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN #396**

*“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
(omit verse 3) (Columbian Harmony)*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, the Apostle Paul writes that the one who truly loves has fulfilled all the requirements of the law of Moses. All those precepts are summarized in one simple sentence: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” How simple, yet how often we fall short. It is our innate tendency to watch out for ourselves first, to protect our own security first, to focus on our own needs and desires first.

Forgive our sinful impulse to push others aside in our haste to provide for ourselves. Forgive the actions that flow from our deep-seated fear in an uncertain world. Pour out your Holy Spirit over us, we pray, so that we may be cleansed of selfishness and callousness. Transform us from within, so that we naturally seek the good of others before our own. We ask it in the name of 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 12:1-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Romans 13:8-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SOLO *“Largo”* (Handel)

Dr. Sara Montgomery and Catherine Kaler

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 18:15-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Binding and Releasing”

***HYMN #722**

“Lord, Speak to Me That I My Speak” (Schumann)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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.**

