

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

Sunday, September 13, 2020

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

“Give Me Oil In My Lamp”

“It Is Well with My Soul”

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

“When We Are Living”

“Holy, Holy”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Praise Ye the Father” (Gounod)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 114

When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became God’s sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

**The sea looked and fled;
Jordan turned back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
the hills like lambs.**

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?
O Jordan, that you turn back?
O mountains, that you skip like rams?
O hills, like lambs?

**Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water,
the flint into a spring of water.**

SERMON

“Seventy-Seven Times”

*HYMN #441

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

(Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Confession of 1967*

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for individuals when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to women and men, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them despite what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Matthew 6:24

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Kum Bah Yah” (Wilson)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Compassionate God, while our forgiveness of others is halting and conditional, yours for us is not. It is poured out over us every day, making us new. Our expressions of thanks can never be adequate; we are so deeply thankful, Gracious One.

Reform us and transform us into a people who forgive as you forgive, without limit, even when the injury is deep. This is your commandment to us. Help us, we pray. 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 #693** *“Though I May Speak”* (English Folk Melody)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *“Love Lifted Me”*

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

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