

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**September 27, 2020
The Second Sunday of Stewardship Season
“Pandemic Stewardship”**

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
“Creator of the Stars of Night”
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
“Simple Gifts”
“Blessed Be the Name”
“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”
“Surely, It is God Who Saves Me”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” (Turner)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 62, Selected Verses

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

**On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.**

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

**Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.**

***OPENING HYMN #610**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Glaser)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, when we acknowledge our sin before you, we then convince ourselves that we can, on our own, manage our salvation. We think that all we must do is work harder at being good, at being righteous, and we can thereby erase the injuries we inflict on others and the effects of our persistent rejection of you. Scripture indeed summons us to holy living, but also instructs us that we cannot by any means save ourselves from hopelessness, despair, sin, and death. Forgive us, we pray.

Salvation is ours only in Christ, only through his sacrifice, his life-changing example for us, his victory over death and all dark and sinister powers at the horrific cross and empty tomb. Salvation is ours only through your great mercy, your costly grace offered to us. We acknowledge the truth of Paul’s words: By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works. Thank you, merciful God. 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 12:33-42

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 2:1-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Salvation and Response”

***HYMN #649**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

(Columbian Harmony)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From the Westminster Confession of Faith 1649

To all those for whom Christ has purchased redemption, he does certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same; making intercession for them, and revealing to them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation; effectually persuading them by his Spirit to believe and obey; and governing their hearts by his Word and Spirit; overcoming all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom, in such manner and ways as are most consonant to his wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5:17-18

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Open My Eyes That I May See” (Birchwood)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy One, our salvation, individually and together, was bought at great price by the sacrifice of your beloved Son on the cross and in his rising from the grave. Our redemption is your free gift to us, unwarranted and undeserved, out of your great love.

In response we acknowledge and demonstrate your claim over our lives in all respects, individual and corporate, and we reject all false gods and any person or cause which challenges your authority and purpose for us. Through your Spirit, make us faithful and joyful stewards of all things, for all things are yours. 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 #815**

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears" (Walter)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Blessed Assurance"

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

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