

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO
October 4, 2020
World Communion Sunday
Stewardship Season Celebration Sunday

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

“Glorify Your Name”
“Bind Us Together”
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
“Break Thou the Bread of Life”
“Fill My Cup, Lord”
“Eat This Bread”
“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”
“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Lucy Tucker

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“God of Our Fathers” (Wilson)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
**The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.**

***OPENING HYMN #32** *“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”* (Herzogl)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that our hope is easily crushed in these days. We read and watch the news, and anxiously wonder if there is any way out from the myriad issues and problems that overwhelm us daily. Like the ancient Israelites, we rely too much on human interventions, and too little on you, for whom nothing is impossible.

Forgive, we pray, the feeble hope we hold. By your Holy Spirit, remind us again of your shelter, salvation, and hope, described time and again in Scripture. Fill us with the conviction that there is nothing that can separate us from your love in Christ, and send us again into the world to serve and love in his name. 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

Jeremiah 32:8-15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Romans 8:31-38

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SOLO

“Your Never Ending Love” (Wayne Bevers)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 1:1-5, 14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Hope and Response”

***HYMN #353**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (Bradbury)

***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.**

**A LITANY OF TRUST IN THE LORD'S
SHELTER, SALVATION, AND HOPE**

(Selected verses from Psalms 62, 91, and 121)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.'

**For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.**

On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

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.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.**

**PRESENTING TO THE LORD OUR PLEDGES, WITH
THANKSGIVING**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Where He Leads Me” (Paxton)

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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #765** *“May the God of Hope Go with Us”*
(Argentine Folk Melody)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Because He Lives”

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

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