

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

October 10, 2021

10:00am

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
“O Jesus, I Have Promised”
“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
“Let There Be Peace on Earth”
“God Is So Good”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Largo from The New World Symphony” (Dvorak)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22:3–5

God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!

***OPENING HYMN #681**

“This is the Day the Lord Hath Made” (Cruger)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

You alone are holy, O God; you alone are good. Help us to let go of worldly goods and leave lesser things behind so that we may be ready to enter your holy realm on that day when the first are last and the last are first; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is not far from us. When trouble is near, God is our help and our refuge. Let us confess our sins to God, that we might receive mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire the evil and scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our great sin. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of heavenly life with you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens: Jesus, God's Son, our Savior. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reveal to us your Word, O God, living and active in our world by the power of your Holy Spirit. Let your Word pierce our hearts and open our minds, dividing good from evil, truth from falsehood, life from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

1 Kings 20:19-28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Hebrews 4:12-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

DUET

"Shine On Me" (Traditional Spiritual/Arr. Dilworth)

(Wayne Bevers & Bob Entrop)

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospels if you are able)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 6:35-44

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Lord of the Hills and of the Plains"

by Majid Abel

***HYMN #465**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (Converse)

***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.**

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND
TREASURE**

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.” Proverbs 11:24-25

Have you ever noticed that?

If you’ve ever watched the Christmas Carol, you’ll see what happened when Scrooge turns from a miserable self-centered banker sitting alone to count his money to the exact opposite; a grateful and generous giver who starts seeing the needs of those around him. He went from living a small stingy life to living a wide open generous one overnight.

Obviously, this is a story of two extremes but we see here in Proverbs that generosity is the key to a wide open spacious life – it gets you thinking outside of yourself and brings a real freedom and a joy. So, whether it be with your finances, your time or your energy – start saying yes to be generous and endless possibilities will open up, your world will indeed get bigger.
(Simon Crowe)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“I Need Thee Every Hour” (Beck/Linker)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Help us to give you not only our finances but all we are, all we have and all we hold. We open our lives to you for the service of your Kingdom. Please work through our offering today, our lives this coming week and lead us to follow you, Christ, in all that we do and say. Amen. (Living Prayers)

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #730**

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” (Hopkins)

***MOMENT OF SILENCE TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH**

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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

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