

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**October 11, 2020**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC SET**

*“O for a Closer Walk with God”*  
*“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”*  
*“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*  
*“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”*  
*“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*  
*“My Life Flows On – How Can I Keep from Singing”*  
*“Holy, Holy”*  
*“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“The Power and the Glory”* (Smith)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,  
and the courts of God with praise;  
Give thanks and bless God’s holy name!

**For the Lord is good; God’s love is eternal,  
And God’s faithfulness has no end.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #645** *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*  
(vss. 1, 3, 4) (Kirchengesang)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 32:1-14

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### **READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS**

Philippians 4:1-9

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### **\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 22:1-14

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **SERMON**

The Reverend Randy Nolen

#### **\*HYMN #662**

*“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

(German Folk Melody)

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Nicene Creed (381 AD)*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

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

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.' Mark 12:41-44

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Song of Hope" (Chesterton)*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Compassionate God, you have invited us to the wedding banquet. We who were unworthy have been made worthy through the dying and rising of your beloved Son. We are now your beloved children.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, move us to respond when we are called. Make us ready to do all things for you. Make us ready to go where we are called, to serve where we are summoned, to witness where we are sent. Make us faithful, loving, joyful disciples of the risen Christ. 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 #687 *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*(vss. 1, 2, 3, 6)  
(Croft)

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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

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