

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

October 17, 2021

10:00am

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

“God of the Sparrow”

“Peace, Be Still”

“He Leadeth Me”

“God Is Calling through the Whisper”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“How Great Thou Art” (Glyncannon)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amos 5:6, 14–15

Seek good and not evil; seek the Lord and live!

May the Lord our God be with us.

Seek good and not evil, that justice may prevail.

May the Lord our God show us grace.

***OPENING HYMN #687**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (Croft)

(verses 1, 3, & 4)

***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

We have a great high priest who can sympathize with our weakness: Jesus, God’s Son, our Savior. Therefore, with confidence, let us confess our sin.

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 NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Hebrews 4:12–16

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

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

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 10:17–31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

QUARTET

“Just a Little Talk with Jesus” (Derricks/Arr. Lister)

Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop, Wayne Glass, Bob Williams

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

***HYMN #708**

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” (Mason/Webb)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, & 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

“All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing.”
(Proverbs 21:26)

Speaking of the wicked man, the book of Proverbs tells us that his craving lasts “all day long.” It means when he goes to work, he “craves for more.” That’s natural. You want your endeavors to succeed.

Then he goes home, and he still “craves for more.” He sits down for dinner and “craves for more.” He gets into bed, wakes up, and “craves for more.” Then, he goes to church, and he still “craves for more.”

The righteous, by contrast, give without sparing. It’s a paradox, right? If you give without sparing, won’t *you* be the one who “craves for more”? Not in God’s world. To give a portion of our earnings to God keeps our hearts reminded of the God who not only calls us to give, but blesses us in return.
(Tithe.ly)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“I Love You, Lord” (Klein/Wagner)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

God of glorious power and wisdom, how can we number your countless gifts? Look upon our lives with favor, and, by the gift of your grace, prosper the work of our hands; we ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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 #547** *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*
(Welsh Melody)

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

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *“Praise Him! Praise Him!”*

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

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