

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

October 18, 2020

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC SET

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

“Great Is the Lord”

“Be Still, My Soul”

“Listen, God Is Calling”

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

“Move Me”

“Near to the Heart of God”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

The PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering

Margo Fullinwider

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“God Is So Good” (Sewell)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96, Selected Verses

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

**Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

***OPENING HYMN #307** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* (omit vs. 2)
(Hughes)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you spoke to us saying, “You shall have no other gods before me,” yet we excel in doing just that. The impulse to create and venerate these not-gods is persistent and pernicious. We make idols of people, institutions, structures, wealth, security, family, work, leisure, and countless others. They inevitably grow to occupy our thoughts, time, and energy, and they can and do destroy us.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our neglect of you and your call on our lives. Forgive our token loyalty to your Son and our failure to listen for your voice through the Holy Spirit. Forgive us for the myriad ways we reject you and embrace lesser things. Heal us, restore us, remold us, so that our allegiance is to you above all else, and so that our words and actions reflect your glory alone. 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 33:12-23

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

DUET

“Where’er You Walk” (Handel)

Dr. Sara Montgomery and Catherine Kaler

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 22:15-22

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Things That Are God’s”

***HYMN #695**

“*Change My Heart, O God*” (Espinosa)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Theological Declaration of Barmen* (1934)

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we must hear and which we must trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God’s revelation.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

The lover of money will not be satisfied with money, nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity. Ecclesiastes 5:10

MUSICAL OFFERING

“*Rock of Ages*” (Rasley)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Amazing God, you have chosen us in Christ and rescued us from the wrath that is coming, in his dying and rising. We are now held within your strong embrace, and nothing in all creation can break your grip on us. We give thanks.

In response, we continue our labor of love and our hold on hope in Christ. We choose daily to lose our lives for his sake, to bear our crosses in his service, to demonstrate his compassion, to abide in him for sustenance and help. Fill us entirely with your Spirit, we ask, so that we may devote our lives fully and completely to the one who is the way, the life, and the truth. Amen.

