

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

October 24, 2021

10:00am

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
“Open Our Eyes, Lord”
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”
“Be Thou My Vision”
“I Am the Light of the World”
“The Lone, Wild Bird”
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Smith)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 126:2–3

The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

***OPENING HYMN #645**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

(Kirchengesang)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

God of power and mercy, you gather your people with the love of a parent for a child. You hear our cries in the night and in the day; you answer with healing and hope. Gather us into your strength and feed us with your wisdom, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The God of mercy hears our cries. Let us confess our failings and needs to each other and to the one who commands us to come and be healed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours. Hear this and answer, in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, beloved of the Lord, the one who created you and maintains your every breath calls you to receive mercy and be forgiven. Go in peace, in the firm assurance of pardon, so that today and every day your path may be strong and free, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of light, let your Holy Spirit come into our darkness and open our hearts, that your word may show us the blessings you intend for all creation. **Amen.**

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 31:7–9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Hebrews 7:23–28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SOLO

“The Silent Place” (an original work by Wayne Bevers)

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

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 10:46–52

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

***HYMN #451**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” (Scott)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

“Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Luke 12:33-34)

Where is your heart when you come to church? Is it in your family? Is it on your wealth? Is it on your limitations? We have the opportunity today to sow an eternal legacy by giving to God from the treasures that you cannot take with you. (tithe.ly)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Softly and Tenderly” (Stockton)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, bless our offerings with healing that comes from your work and our hands. We give with joy and thanks for what we have, in the name of Jesus, our great high priest. **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 #837** *“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*
(Leaning on the Everlasting Arms) (Showalter)

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

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** *“Love Lifted Me”*

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

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