

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
February 25, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“As the Deer” (Nystrom/Wagner)

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 22

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

**All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations

shall worship before him.

**For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;

**future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.**

***OPENING HYMN #39**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (Runyan)

***OPENING PRAYER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our salvation, we acknowledge this morning Christ’s
authority over our lives, achieved on the cross and at the empty
tomb. He calls us to deny ourselves, to take up our crosses, and to
follow wherever he may lead. We admit that we find these things
difficult and frightening, and we look for ways to escape them. We**

would rather be in control of our lives. We would rather desperately grip our feeble security. We fear the cost of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, our evasion of the essential response to redemption in Christ. Melt our hardened hearts, quiet our anxious concerns, and give us minds and wills dedicated to following the Savior, wherever he may lead. We pray in his name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581**

“Gloria Patri” (Greatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Genesis 17:1-8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Romans 4:13-25

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord” (Mendelssohn/Bock)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 8:31-38

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“Reckoned as Righteousness”

***HYMN #215**

“*What Wondrous Love Is This*” verses 1-3

(Walker’s Southern Harmony)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Second Helvetic Confession* (1561)

Because we receive this justification, not through any works, but through faith in the mercy of God and in Christ, we therefore teach and believe with the apostle that sinful man is justified by faith alone in Christ, not by the law or any works.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*” (Colvin)

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW #606**

(Genevan Psalter)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

God of Abraham and Sarah, you made a covenant with them that they would be the ancestors of a multitude, that you would give them a land to call their own, that you would be their God and the God of their descendants. You gave us a new covenant in Christ, a covenant of salvation and redemption from sin and death.

We respond to your boundless love with joyful thanksgiving, and we dedicate our lives to you. We offer to you our trust. Your Son calls us to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow him. We pledge ourselves to do these things, even if the way is difficult and the outcome is uncertain. We forfeit our very lives, so that they may be saved through him. We pray in his name. 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 #313** *“Lord, Make Us More Holy”*
(African American Spiritual)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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

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