

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 11, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION “Deacons’ Flock Ministry” Lucy Tucker

CHIMES

PRELUDE *“What Wondrous Love Is This”* (Chesterton)

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 107

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.
**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some were sick through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;
they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;
he sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

***OPENING HYMN #612** *“We Praise You, O God”* (Gedenck-Clanck)

***OPENING PRAYER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who saves, we confess today that we are a stubborn and ungrateful people. We complain when you give us what we need instead of what we want. We complain when we don't get our way, thinking that you should provide all our desires. We have loved the darkness rather than the light, and our deeds are too often evil. We suffer affliction because of our sin, and we are resentful. Forgive us, we pray. Send out your word and heal us. Make us thankful and joyful recipients of your forgiveness through Christ, who was raised up on the cross so that we might have rich and eternal life. 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

Numbers 21:4-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Ephesians 2:1-10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” (Titcomb)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 3:14-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“Not to Condemn, But to Save”

***HYMN #792**

“There Is a Balm In Gilead” (African American Spiritual)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (1649)

This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake, which, that he might discharge, he was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it; endured most grievous torments immediately in his soul, and most painful sufferings in his body; was crucified and died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption.

On the third day he arose from the dead, with the same body in which he suffered; with which also he ascended into heaven, and there sits at the right hand of his Father, making intercession; and shall return to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Teach Me Thy Way, Lord” (Clarke)

***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.**

