

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 2018

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION “One Great Hour of Sharing” Bob Carroll

CHIMES

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” (Broughton)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgement.**

Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being;
Therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

***OPENING HYMN #63**

“The Lord Is God” (Glaser)

***OPENING PRAYER**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who redeems, we confess this morning that, like the psalmist, we have done what is evil in your sight. You desire truthfulness from us in our relationships with you and with others; we tend instead to prevaricate and dissemble. Your Son calls us time and again in the Scriptures to lose our lives for the sake of his name and his ministry, but we can't imagine doing that. We discount the depth and reach of his sacrifice for us, for our redemption and salvation, so we lead lives of selfishness and desperation. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash us completely from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Restore to us the joy of salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit, we pray. 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Hebrews 5:5-10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” (Sateren)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 12:20-33

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“Unless It Dies”

***HYMN #228**

“*Were You There*” (African American Spiritual)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Nicene Creed* (381 AD)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and
glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Ave Verum” (Mozart)

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

**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**

Lord God, we give you thanks this day for the seed that has died and yet bears rich and abundant fruit, that is, Christ our Savior. We give you thanks that you have ordained him a great High Priest, a priest who in his suffering offered loud cries and tears, a priest through whom we have been redeemed and restored to you. How shall we then respond? We lose our lives for his sake; we discount our lives so that we may keep them for eternal life. We set our eyes on him alone and live for him alone. We pray in his sacred 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 #724**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” (Mann)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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

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