

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**Sunday, March 4, 2018  
10:00 A.M.**

**The Third Sunday in Lent**

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“There Is a Fountain”* (Colvin)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

From Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
**the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;**  
the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
**the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**  
the fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring for ever;  
**the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.**  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
**sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #625**

*“O Lord My God”* verses 1-3

(Swedish Folk Melody)

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, you command us to live lives of purity and virtue, but we find ourselves entrapped by the sin that infects us. You command us to worship only you, but we excel at making useless idols for ourselves. We consider ourselves to be wise, when in fact we are foolish; we consider ourselves to be strong, when in fact we are weak. We neglect the holiness to which we are called, and we become wrapped up in mundane and pointless activities. Forgive our blindness, we pray. Give us the wisdom and strength we cannot produce on our own, and make us willing and devoted disciples of your risen Son. 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 (Creatorex)*

**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**

Exodus 20:1-17

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

#### **READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **ANTHEM**

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Martin)*

**\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 2:13-22

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON**

“Cleaning Day”

**\*HYMN #213**

“*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*” (Conkey)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**RETURNING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

“*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*” (Hughes)

**\*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.**

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER)

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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD AND FILLING THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

### SENDING

**\*CLOSING HYMN #366**      *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* verses 1-3  
(Prichard)

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

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