

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 13, 2018

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Prelude on ‘Finlandia’” (Ritter)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

**They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.**

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

***OPENING HYMN #254** *“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”*
(Praetorius)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our lives, we confess this morning that we still have not found the way to trust you in all things. When circumstances threaten us, we try to find our own way out rather than slowing down to see what you might be doing. We are quick to impose our own solutions and slow to discern your intentions. Forgive our unwillingness to be still for a time, for your time. Forgive our inclination to jump to quick and easy solutions to difficult and complex issues. By the power of your Spirit, move us to abide in Christ, so that we may rest and watch you work. We pray in his name, the risen and reigning Messiah. 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 ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 1:21-26

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

1 John 5:9-13

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“If Ye Love Me” (Tallis)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 17:6-19

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“Sanctified in Truth”

***HYMN #246**

“Christ is Alive!” (Musica Sacra)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Westminster Confession of Faith* (1649)

They who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ’s death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them. The dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified, and they more and more quickened and strengthened, in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no one shall see the Lord.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (Wilson)

***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**

Christ our hope, we remain astounded and awed that you pray for us to your Father, for we who belong to your Father. We confess that we so need the protection for which you pray: for shields from the evil one, from the sin that clings so closely, from fear and uncertainty and doubt. Your prayer reminds us that we no longer belong to the world, even as we are called to serve in the world. You pray that we may be continually sanctified, sanctified in truth.

How amazing. To you, Risen One, and to your Father and to the Holy Spirit be glory and honor, power and strength this day and always. 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 (Insert)**

"Low In the Grave He Lay" (Lowry)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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

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