

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

**May 20, 2018**

**10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“Veni Creator Spiritus”* (Smith)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

From Psalm 104

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**These all look to you**

**to give them their food in due season;  
when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works—  
who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Praise the Lord!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #291**

*“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”* (Manley)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God who surprises, we confess this morning that we would rather not be surprised. Above almost anything else, we want to be in control. We want to set our own course, both individually and as this fellowship we call First Presbyterian Church. It is so much safer, so much more secure, to think we are the masters of our destinies, but, of course, we are not. Forgive, we pray, our insecurity and shallowness of faith. Remind us again that we have an Advocate in your Holy Spirit, who may indeed lead us where we fear to go, but who will be with us along the way, providing for us visions and dreams, giving us strength for the task at hand. We pray in the name of the risen and reigning Christ, our Lord and hope. 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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

### READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Acts 2:1-21

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

### ANTHEM

*“Holy Spirit Truth Divine”* (York)

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

**A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON**

“Can These Bones Live?”

**\*HYMN #451**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” (Scott)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1991)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles,  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

“Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome” (Rambo)

**\*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 who makes dry bones live, we raise our prayer of thanksgiving today for the gift of the Advocate, your own Holy Spirit, the presence of Christ with us, who gives us dreams and visions of your kingdom here among us, and our own work in that kingdom. We give you thanks that we are not abandoned as we wait for your Son to return, but instead you have poured out your Spirit on us, giving us hope in a world that so often appears hopeless. Your Spirit guides us into all truth.**

**In response to the gift of your Spirit, we sing praises and rejoice. We call on your name and are saved. We rededicate ourselves, individually and together, to discerning the guidance of your Spirit, and acting on the direction we receive, in service to those around us and to your glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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 #279**      *"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"* (Dykes)

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

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