

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**Sunday, May 6, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand” (Mason)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:4-9

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.**

Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

***OPENING HYMN #32**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Herzog)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who is love, we acknowledge that your commandment for us to love one another appears consistently, time and again, throughout the pages of Scripture. This love is not sentimental or easy: it is the love Christ demonstrated for us. It is love that costs us something; it is love that requires sacrifice. We confess that we shrink from this essential commandment; we confess that we look

for ways to escape our responsibility to others in our own community of faith. Forgive us, we pray. Pour out your Spirit on us, that we might be transformed into those who understand and live the way of costly discipleship, the way of sacrificial love. We pray in the name of the one who loves us to the point of death on a cross, and who now lives with you and the Holy Spirit, forever. 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 10:44-48

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

1 John 5:1-6

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Do This In Remembrance of Me” (Purifoy)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 15:9-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“As I Have Loved You”

***HYMN #236**

“*The Strife Is O’er*” (Palestrina)

***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

“*Morning Has Broken*” (Broughton)

***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 #238**

"Thine Is the Glory" (Handel)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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

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