

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**June 17, 2018  
10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“Seek Ye First”* (Wagner)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 20, selected verses

Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;  
he will answer him from his holy heaven  
with mighty victories by his right hand.

**Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,  
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.  
They will collapse and fall,  
but we shall rise and stand upright.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #37** *“Let All Things Now Living”* (Welsh Folk Melody)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Redeeming God, we confess this morning that we go about our lives with our attention focused mostly on mundane matters. We worry about finances and family and politics while neglecting our responsibilities as residents of your kingdom. We forget that the kingdom is already here present among us, and that we are ambassadors of that kingdom. We forget that we are new creations in Christ.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for our tepid response to your astounding work in Christ and to your call on our lives. Forgive us for our lackluster response to your amazing grace. Pour out your Spirit on us once again, that we may be filled with enthusiasm and joy over the privilege of living in your blessed kingdom, and set us to work. We pray in the name of the risen and reigning Messiah, our only 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 HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

1 Samuel 16:6-13

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

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

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

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

### **QUARTET**

*“Peace in the Valley”* (Dorsey/Shackley)

Joan Arnold, Wayne Bevers, Wayne Glass, Charles Stevens

### **\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 4:26-34

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

### **A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

### **SERMON**

“Of Seeds and Kingdoms”

### **\*HYMN #157**

*“I Danced in the Morning”* (American Shaker Melody)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Confession of 1967*

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

**SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"Faith of Our Fathers"* (Hegarty)

**\*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 is King over all creation, our pride is in you alone. You make us to rise and stand upright against all the powers and principalities of darkness, those forces that create enmity and hatred and suffering. In your victory on the cross and at the grave, you have defeated these forces forever. Everything old has passed away; indeed, everything has become new. Your kingdom is here, present among us, persistently growing and destined by your will to be fully grown at the return of the Crucified One.**

**The love of Christ urges us on. He died for all, and for us, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him. Therefore, we pledge to live like the new creations we are, like residents of a heavenly kingdom, which we are. Grant us strength and courage by your Holy Spirit, we pray, so that we may live with thanksgiving and joy in your amazing kingdom. Amen.**

