

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**June 24, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (Chesterton)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 9, Selected verses

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

**And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

Declare his deeds among the peoples.

**For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

Be gracious to me, O Lord.

**See what I suffer from those who hate me;
you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,
so that I may recount all your praises,
and, in the gates of daughter Zion,
rejoice in your deliverance.**

***OPENING HYMN #403**

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” (Neander)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God who commands the storm, we confess today that we are a
timid and weak-willed people. You summon us to be courageous
in the face of danger, trials, afflictions, hardships, calamities, and
threats to our reputations. The example of your own Son
demonstrates to us that faithfulness is not safe but can lead us
directly to adversity and suffering. Why are we surprised when we
encounter it on behalf of the Crucified Messiah?**

Forgive us for our shallow assumption that following him will be painless, that we will prosper because of our following, that all will be well all the time. Grant us the vision to keep the Suffering Messiah before us at all times, and show us how to embrace the joy of being his, even if the world conspires against us. 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”* (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 17:41-49

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MUSICAL DUET *“Piece V”* (Franck) Kate Graham and Carola Spreacker

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 4:35-41

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“Why Are You Afraid?”

*HYMN #815

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears” (Walter)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From The Scots Confession (1560)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” (Ohley)

*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 never forsakes or forgets us, we give you thanks today for your constant providence and protection. You are a stronghold for us when we are oppressed, our powerful help when we are distressed and afraid. We rejoice in your consistent deliverance. We are sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; we have nothing and yet possess everything.

Certain of your amazing providence, we acknowledge that, yes, now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation! Thus, we persevere and even rejoice in affliction, hardship, and calamity, for you are our salvation. To you alone we pledge our whole lives, in the name of the Risen Christ. 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 #840**

“When Peace like a River” (Bliss)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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

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