

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**August 26, 2018  
10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“Come, Thou Almighty King”* (Broughton)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 84, selected verses

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!  
**My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.**

For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;  
he bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does the Lord withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.**

**O Lord of hosts,  
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #353**      *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”* (Bradbury)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of justice and compassion, we confess today that the hard words of Scripture trouble us, confound us, frighten us, and sometimes repel us. Your Son summons us to eat his body and drink his blood, a symbolic means of being intimately united to him. We are not sure we want that intimacy. What if he then calls**

**us to do something arduous, something risky, for him? Like his disciples we respond, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?”**

**Forgive, we pray, our resistance to the call of your Son on our lives. Forgive our stubborn and fearful defiance to surrendering our lives to the Bread of Life. Break down the barriers we construct. Through your Holy Spirit, fill our minds and hearts with the peace and joy which follows when we simply surrender and follow. We pray in the name of your Son, the Bread of Life. 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 Kings 8:22-30

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

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

Ephesians 6:10-20

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

### **QUARTET**

*“Just A Little Talk With Jesus”* (Derricks/Lister)  
Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop, Bob Williams, and Wayne Glass

**\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

John 6:56-69

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

**A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON**

“Suit Up”

**\*HYMN #519**

“*You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*” (Jernigan)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Second Helvetic Confession* (1561)

**The Lord abundantly shows that we receive Christ by faith, in John, chapter 6, where he puts eating for believing, and believing for eating. For as we receive food by eating, so we participate in Christ by believing. Therefore, we do not share in the benefit of justification partly because of the grace of God or Christ, and partly because of ourselves, our love, works or merit, but we attribute it wholly to the grace of God in Christ through faith.**

**SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

“*God Himself Is With Us*” (Neander)

**\*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**

**O Lord of hosts, happy are those whose strength is in you. They go from strength to strength. You are their sun and their shield, pouring out on them favor and honor. You withhold no good thing from those who walk uprightly before you. Happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

**We are the recipients of these astounding gifts. How should we respond to your benevolence and protection? In this way: we pledge to you our lives; we surrender to you our wills; we wait for**

