

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**September 16, 2018  
10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“The Heavens Are Telling”* (Beethoven)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 19, selected verses

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;

**the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;**

the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;

**the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**

the fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;

**the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

**Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.**

But who can detect their errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

**Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.**

Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #203**

*“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*

(Ghanaian Folk Melody)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess this morning that we too often fail to heed the voice of Wisdom, your own voice, as we live out our lives before you. We ignore your counsel and your reproof, choosing instead to follow our own paths and our own inclinations. We do not try to discern your decrees, your precepts, your commandments, your ordinances. Then we fall into calamity, panic, stress, and anguish. We find ourselves distanced from you and lost.

Pardon our sin, we pray. Remind us each day that your paths are the right paths, that the task of discerning your purpose is essential on the journey of discipleship. Teach us to carefully examine our motivations, so that we may align them with your will, and especially with the model we see in your Son, our Lord. 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

Proverbs 1:20-33

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

##### READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

James 3:1-12

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

#### QUARTET

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”* (Gordon/McKinney)

Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop, Wayne Glass, and Bob Williams

**\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 8:27-38

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SERMON**

“Affirmation and Consequences”

**\*HYMN #741** “*Guide My Feet*” (vss. 1, 4, 5, 6) (African American Spiritual)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From “*A Brief Statement of Faith*” (1991)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** “*Open My Eyes That I May See*” (Birchwood)

**\*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 Father and Son and Spirit, at the right time, in the fullness of time, you came among us, taking on flesh, as a man called Jesus from the town of Nazareth. This man went about Palestine, preaching, teaching, healing, and calling all to repentance. In his words and in his works, he revealed himself to be the Messiah, the Anointed One, your very Son, who in the end suffered the depths of human pain and gave his life for us, so that we might have life abundant and eternal.**

**He calls us in response to deny ourselves, to take up our own crosses, to follow wherever the following may take us. He calls us in response to lose our lives for him and for his message, so that our lives may be saved. We commit ourselves to this journey, to this hardship, to this purpose above all purposes. Strengthen us, we pray, by your Holy Spirit, for the journey of discipleship. We pray in the name of the Anointed One, your Son, our hope. 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 #223**      *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* (Mason)

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

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