

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**September 9, 2018  
10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* (Scott)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the Lord surrounds his people,  
from this time on and for evermore.**

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
so that the righteous may not stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.

**Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways  
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.

**Peace be upon Israel!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #611**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* (Beethoven)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Most holy God, we confess today that we practice favoritism and  
fall into prejudice and bigotry. We fully acknowledge your  
commandment and intention that we treat all whom we encounter  
without bias, but with compassion and with concern. We fail to  
demonstrate our faith in our daily lives, and we are justly  
condemned.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for treating people differently depending on their appearance or other trivial reasons. Forgive us for first protecting ourselves rather than reaching out to help. Forgive us for judging when the truth is that we can never know the life experience of another. Heal and restore us, we pray. Make of us genuine disciples of Christ, caring deeply for others as he did, and as he does. We pray in his saving 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**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

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

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

James 2:1-17

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

## **SOLO**

*“Wait for Me My Child”* (by Wayne Bevers)

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

Mark 7:24-37

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

## **A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

## SERMON

“Faith Alive”

### \*HYMN #701

“*Lord, Prepare Me*” (2 times) (Thompson/Scruggs)

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Second Helvetic Confession* (1561)

**Now the works which we do by faith are pleasing to God and are approved by him. Because of faith in Christ, those who do good works which, moreover, are done from God’s grace through the Holy Spirit, are pleasing to God.**

## SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

## MUSICAL OFFERING

“*O Lord Most Holy*” (Abt)

### \*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

**Lord our God, the gospels are filled with stories of your Son touching, healing, restoring, making whole. Some of those stories confuse us, like the one involving the Gentile woman; and yet, Jesus heals her daughter. In the same way you heal us, physically, emotionally, spiritually, if we are simply able to wait on you and trust in your boundless compassion.**

**Assured of these things, we carry that compassion into the world, putting our faith into action, doing the good works you have given us to do, loving as Jesus loves us, serving others in his name, being his hands and voice in the world, showing a bit of the kingdom of heaven to those we encounter, especially those who are broken and hopeless and desperate. We love because you first loved us.**

**Glory and honor, praise and reverence to you, God of our lives, today and always. 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 #722**

*"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" (Schumann)*

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

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