

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**February 4, 2024, at 10:00am
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
“Abide with Me”
“There Is a Balm in Gilead”
“For the Bread Which You Have Broke”
“Fill My Cup, Lord”
“We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
“On Eagle’s Wings”*

GREETING AND WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

How wonderful it is to sing our praises to God!
Praise the Lord who gathers us together.
God’s mercy is given generously to all in need.
We are never out of the reach of God’s love.
Come, worship and celebrate. God is reaching out to you this day!
Praise be to God who continually shows up and shows us a new way. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” (Gesangbuch)

***OPENING PRAYER**

Powerful God, from the very beginning you blessed creation. You have loved and shielded your people through all joys and trials of life. We come to you this day, rejoicing in the many blessings you have given to us. We open our hearts again to hear your word for us and to gather strength and joy for service in your world. Be with us and bless us again, we pray. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore, let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God? The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering! Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted. We treat the world with callous indifference, using its resources carelessly and with little regard to the future. We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful striving. We turn our backs on people in need, the weak and downtrodden go unnoticed in our midst. We always believe that someone else will care for those in need. How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become! You have given to us all that we need. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others. For we offer to you our personal confessions. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls. New life is offered to you. Rejoice! Be Glad! For God's love is poured out to you this day. You are forgiven. **Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

"Glory Be to the Father" (Greatorex)

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, speak to us what has been told from the beginning, your Word that is the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:25-31

SECOND READING

Exodus 3: 1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Reverend Rose McCurdy

***HYMN #525** *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* (African American Spiritual)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER (See Insert)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #340** *"This Is My Song"* (Sibelius)
(February Song of the Month)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Let us spread the gospel free of charge. May the Spirit of Jesus take your hand and lift you up so that you may be of service to others.

***POSTLUDE** *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

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