

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

March 10, 2024, at 10:00am

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

“There Is a Fountain”

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

“There Is Power in the Blood”

“Thou Art Worthy”

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION Community Kitchen/Homeless Coalition
Lucy Tucker

OPENING PRAYER

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Beautiful Savior” (Smith)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107:1

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;
God’s steadfast love endures forever.

***OPENING HYMN #366** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* (Prichard)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN #582** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”* (Vasile)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

REFLECTION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Reverend Rose McCurdy

ENSEMBLE CHOIR

“Gather at the Mercy Tree” (Dengler)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, open your Word and illumine our darkened world, that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING

Psalms 107:1–3, 17–22

SECOND READING

Matthew 27:11–26

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

I believe in...“Suffered Under Pontius Pilate”

Reverend Rose McCurdy

***HYMN #438**

“*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*” (Hastings)

***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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

People of God, let us offer our sacrifice of thanksgiving, telling of God’s deeds with songs of joy.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“*Rock of Ages*” (Rasley)

***DOXOLOGY #606**

Genevan Psalter

PASTORAL PRAYER/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.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #450** *"Be Thou My Vision"* (Irish Ballad)
(March Hymn of the Month)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*

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