

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**March 17, 2024, at 10:00am**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*  
*“I Danced in the Morning”*  
*“Sinner Saved By Grace”*  
*“Freely, Freely”*  
*“Grace Greater than Our Sin”*  
*“There Is a Redeemer”*  
*“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*  
*“For Those Tears I Died”*

**WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“Ten Thousand Angels”* (Overholt)

He could have called ten thousand angels to destroy the world and set Him free.  
He could have called ten thousand angels, but He died alone for you and me.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

John 12:32

We have been given a ministry of reconciliation and sharing.

**God reconciled us to God’s self through the witness of Jesus Christ.**

No longer do we need to fear.

**Hope has been given to us.**

So we are now ambassadors for Christ. God is making God’s appeal to all humankind through us - in all that we say, think and do.

**Praise be to God who has placed God’s trust in us. We will strive to serve God faithfully. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #157**

*“I Danced in the Morning”* (verses 1-4)

(American Shaker Melody)

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

## **\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Siblings, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you delight in the joy of your salvation.

**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**

*“Still, Small Voice”* (Nolan)

## **THE WORD**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you. **Amen.**

## **READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**FIRST READING**

Psalm 51:1-12

## SECOND READING

Mathew 27:32-65

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

## SERMON

I believe in... "Was Crucified, Dead, and Buried"

Reverend Rose McCurdy

## \*HYMN #213

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"* (Conkey)

## \*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

With grateful hearts, let us bring the fruit of our lives to God.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*"Christ, We Adore and Worship Thee"* (Dubois)

## \*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**      *“At the Cross”*

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