

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**April 7, 2024, at 10:00am
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”
“Thine Is the Glory”
“The Strife Is O’er”
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
“Shine, Jesus, Shine”
“One Bread, One Body”
“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Christ Arose” (Rasley)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133:1–3

Peace be with you.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.

***OPENING HYMN #233**

“The Day of Resurrection!” (Smart)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

We have an advocate with God—Jesus Christ, the righteous one—who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel.

**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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Spirit enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes, and to touch with our hands your Word of life—Jesus Christ—our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32–35

SECOND READING

John 20:19–31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Reverend Rose McCurdy

***HYMN #250**

“Hymn of Promise” (Sleeth)

***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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...

...We pray as you taught us,

