

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**April 14, 2024, at 10:00am
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”
“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
“Peace Like a River”
“Children of the Heavenly Father”
“Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come”
“He Lives”
“O How He Loves You and Me”*

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (Purcell)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 24:36

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God’s own brokenness,

and by those wounds we are healed.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

***OPENING HYMN #246**

“Christ Is Alive” (Musica Sacra)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

The One who calls us to repent hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God’s forgiveness.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard. God's promises are sure: your sins are forgiven. Peace be with you.

**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

Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

1 John 3:1–7

SECOND READING

Luke 16:19-31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Reverend Rose McCurdy

***HYMN #630**

“Fairest Lord Jesus” (Silesian Folk Melody)

***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

As Jesus gave himself fully for us and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace, so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others through our tithes and gifts.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Alleluia” (Sinclair)

***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 #240** *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”* (Fishel)
(April Hymn of the Month)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”*

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