

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**April 21, 2024, at 10:00am**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*

*“The Gift of Love”*

*“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

*“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”*

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

*“Because He Lives”*

*“Jesus, Name Above All Names”*

*“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”*

**WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* (Beethoven)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 23:1; John 10:14–16

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He lays down his life for his sheep.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He knows us, and we belong to him.**

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

**He speaks, and we listen for his voice.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #238**

*“Thine Is the Glory”* (Handel)

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God’s deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore, let us confess our sin.

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.**

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

## **\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. 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**

Lord God, Good Shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

### **FIRST READING**

1 John 3:16–24

### **SECOND READING**

Psalm 23

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

**SERMON**

Our Shepherd Sunday

Reverend Rose McCurdy

**\*HYMN #693** “*The Gift of Love*” (English 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**

How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the goods of the world and sees a brother or sister in need, yet refuses to help? With love for God and neighbor, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*“Savior, Lead Us”* (Bradbury)

**\*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** *“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*

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