

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**April 28, 2024, at 10:00am**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

*“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*

*“He Touched Me”*

*“God of the Sparrow”*

*“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”*

*“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”*

*“Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come”*

**WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“The Holy City”* (Adams)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the wilderness, water brings life.

**Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

**Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

At the table, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

**Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.**

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

**Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #634**

*“To God Be the Glory”* (Doane)

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another  
our failure to love our neighbor.

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

## **\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to 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**

Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world. **Amen.**

## **READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**

### **FIRST READING**

John 15:1–8

### **SECOND READING**

1 John 4:7–21

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

## **SERMON**

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**\*HYMN #22**

*“God of the Sparrow”* (Schalk)

**\*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**

Offering what we have for the sake of others is a discipline of pruning—letting go of our possessions, our time, and even ourselves—to extend the gospel witness into the world. Be generous in your ministry of giving. You need not fear; you abide in the vine.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*“Be Thou My Vision”* (Broughton)

**\*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"* (Fishes)  
(April Hymn of the Month)

\***BENEDICTION**

\***POSTLUDE** *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

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