

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO
June 16, 2024, at 10:00am
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GATHERING**

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”
“Hymn of Promise”
“My Hope Is Built”
“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
“God, Give Us Christian Homes”
“Surely the Presence of the Lord”
“Glorify Your Name”
“Where He Leads Me”*

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (Wilson)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 4:27, 31–32; Ezekiel 17:22–24b

Small as a mustard seed and lofty as a cedar:

The kingdom of God is growing.

While we sleep and rise night and day:

The kingdom of God is growing.

The low are brought high; the high are brought low:

The kingdom of God is growing,

let us worship God who makes space for all!

***OPENING HYMN #263**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” (Holden)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

God will not count the trespasses against us, longing instead for us to be reconciled. We come before God, then, in honesty, humility, and hope, confessing the ways we fall short.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us. Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes—fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

**Thanks be to God!
We are forgiven, Alleluia! Amen.**

(In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope).

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

We are ambassadors for Christ, for God has reconciled us through him!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, Alleluia! Amen.**

***HYMN #582** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”* (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

Chorus: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end,
without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. (Chorus)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As God’s forgiven people, let us pass the peace to one another offering signs of welcome and acceptance of love.

REFLECTION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Reverend Rose McCurdy

DUET

“The Chariot Spiritual” (Arr. Moore)

(Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we walk by faith and not by sight. So, guide our steps in your Word today that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are kept from falling and find our way in your way. Through Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

SECOND READING

Mark 4:26-34

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

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

We give thanks in word and song to God, who makes us glad and gives us joy because of all that God has done. We enact our thanksgiving through these tithes and offerings. May God put to good use what we give today.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Jordan)

*DOXOLOGY #606

Genevan Psalm

PASTORAL PRAYER

(See insert for Prayers for All Men)

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 #730

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” (Hopkins)
(June Hymn of the Month)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Faith of Our Fathers”

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