

**First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
5th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020 - virtual**

PRELUDE

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introit: Holy, Holy, Holy #562-Beth and Howard

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Loman

(Psalm 118)

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn of Praise: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation #394

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, we praise you this morning for the love which grants us freedom and for the grace which allows us to dwell in peace. We praise you for the sun that shines upon our endeavors, and for the moon and the stars at night which remind us of your glory. We thank you for the many good things that you have bestowed upon us. Help us, O God, in this time of worship, and beyond, to have a heart that exalts in your grace and goodness, lips unafraid to proclaim your praise, and minds which are focused on living according your glorious and living word. We ask it through Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught his disciples to pray... **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**

Call to Confession: His Eye Is on The Sparrow #661 Leah and Howard

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of justice, through your servants and prophets you have made known your desire for peace and harmony to include the whole human family. Through Jesus, you have shared your vision of a caring community where every person is honored and valued. We confess that we often blur that vision by our attitude toward others. Sometimes we devalue the talents and work of other people, neglecting to see them as an intentional part of your precious creation and purpose. Have mercy on us, O gracious Savior. Help us to live more faithfully as your stewards, by treating others and all of your creation with more care.

Music after Confession: Refrain of His Eye Is on The Sparrow Leah and Howard

TIME OF PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

The proof of God's amazing love is this, that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. And Christ rose for us and takes away all our sin. I therefore declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, all our sin is forgiven... thanks be to God, amen.

Hymn of Assurance: We Are Called #749 Beth and Scholars on verses. Cong
refrain

DECLARATION OF FAITH

What does Scripture teach about the nature of God?

According to the Scots Confession of 1560, "We confess and acknowledge one only God, to whom only we must cleave, whom only we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom only we must put our trust: who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance, and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; by whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and in earth, as well visible as invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable Providence, to such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice has appointed them, to the manifestation of his own glory."

Music Before Disciples: Howard 8 measures

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lon Anderson

Call to Prayer: Alleluia, Alleluia #240 Beth and Diana unaccompanied-Refrain

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Read by Janet Loman

Exodus 6:1-9

1 Peter 2:2-10

Exodus 6:1-9 (New Revised Standard Version)

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: Indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land." God also spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name 'The Lord' I did not make myself known to them. I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians are holding as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. Say therefore to the Israelites, 'I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord.'" Moses told this to the Israelites; but they would not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery.

1 Peter 2:2-10 (New Revised Standard Version)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the

builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

I Will Be Your God

Rev. Norm Story

Closing Hymn: Come Thou Fount #475

GO IN GOD’S NAME
VAYAN EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck