

**First Presbyterian Church
Las Cruces, New Mexico
6th Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020 - virtual**

PRELUDE

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introit: **Because He Lives**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rachel Breck

(James & Philippians)

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing... so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn of Praise: #645 Sing Praise to God

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord our God, how good it is to gather once again in your Presence and leave behind the stress of our busy lives and the corrupting influences of our world. Here, O Lord, may we hear your voice, bathe ourselves in your truth and promises, and here may we experience what it is to be the one body of Christ, truly a family united in love and faith. We pray that you will send your Spirit to still and comfort our troubled minds. Restore to us the peace and joy of your salvation, so that we may respond in faithfulness and obedience. May our passion and desire be to more fully know and honor you. ... **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: Lord Jesus Think of Me #417

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts and minds and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Music after Confession: Lord Jesus Think on Me #417

TIME OF PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Friends, hear the Good News. Jesus died and rose again, overthrowing the powers of sin and death, and he did it for the sake of the world. We are enslaved no longer by the powers of darkness. We are set free to follow Jesus. Friends, believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ all our sins are forgiven and set free to follow Jesus. Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Assurance: #625 How Great Thou Art

DECLARATION OF FAITH

Now cleansed from sin, what would God have us to do?

The Lord has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Music Before Disciples: Howard 8 measures

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lon Anderson

Call to Prayer: #469 Lord Listen to You Children

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Read by Janet Loman

Psalm 121:1-8 John 14:1-11

Psalm 121:1-8 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
²My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

John 14:1-11 (New Revised Standard Version)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

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

SERMON

Yes You Can Trust Me

Rev. Norm Story

Closing Hymn: #246 Christ is Alive

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

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION #568 In My Life

POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck