First Presbyterian Church Las Cruces, New Mexico Trinity Sunday June 7, 2020 - virtual

PRELUDE

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHORAL INTROIT

We Gather Here #570

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Loman

(Psalm 147)

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

HYMN OF PRAISE #511 Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of heaven and earth, you who are revealed most perfectly in Christ Jesus our Lord, we thank you this day for calling us to be your people and for watching over us and guiding us in the way we should go. We come before you now, O God, aware of our need for you. We come before you to worship you and to seek your will for our lives. Bless us in this holy time, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May we find words and thoughts of hope; may our feelings, as well as our minds, be engaged in your message and in your living presence. Help us to find the living Christ not only in Scripture, but in song and in praise, in prayer, and in one another. And with what we find, may we reach out to others in his most holy name **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION #529 Lord, Have Mercy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, I sin. Grant that I may never cease grieving because of it, never be content with myself, never think I can reach a point of perfection. Kill my

envy, command my tongue, trample down my pride and self-righteousness. Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable, to live for your glory and not to please myself. Deliver me from attachment to things and desires unclean and unworthy of a beloved child of God. According to your grace, help me search the shadows of my soul, that I may cast myself on your steadfast loving mercy. Lord, help me, for your presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong, and happy. Abide in me, gracious God.^[1]

TIME OF PRIVATE CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

MUSIC AFTER CONFESSION #590 Hallelujah

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

In the beginning was God, and at the end will be God, and in every moment in between, there is God: creating, redeeming, sustaining us. By the power that raised Jesus from the grave, I declare that all our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God, we are set free. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE #614 Great Are You Lord

DECLARATION OF FAITH

Let us confirm what we believe using the Apostles Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

MUSIC BEFORE YOUNG DISCIPLES #582 Glory to God

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Erin Taylor

CALL TO PRAYER #470 There is a Longing in Our Hearts

^[1] from Rev. Charles Spurgeon, (1834 - 1892).

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE #470 There is a Longing in Our Hearts

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Read by Janet Loman

Matthew 5:1-10, 14-16

Matthew 28:16-20

Matthew 5:1-10, 14-16 (NRSV)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSV)

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

SERMON Rev. Norm Story

COMMUNION HYMN #530 One Bread, One Body

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

El Padre Nuestro y oración de acción de gracias

...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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE - virtual

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

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

POSTLUDE Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck