

**First Presbyterian Church
and
Comunidad de Esperanza (Community of Hope)**

Las Cruces, New Mexico

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021 – 10:30 AM

*Enter to worship – Leave to serve
Entrar para adorar – Salir para servir*

PRELUDE *Preludio*

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Nigel Williams (b. 1953)

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” (Hymn Tune of 1656)

Jeffrey Blersch (b. 1967)

“Promised Land” (American Hymn Tune of 1835)

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

****The Prelude functions like a curtain that separates our world from the worship place of peace and sanctuary. We enter prayerfully. We wait expectantly, listening for God’s Spirit and truth, which challenges us to return to the world equipped for faithful and useful Christian service.**

*** *Those who are able, please stand***

Please turn off all cell phones

**** *El Preludio funciona como un velo que separa a nuestro mundo del lugar de la adoración de la paz y el santuario. Entramos piadosamente. Esperamos para la verdad y el Espíritu de Dios que nos desafía para volver al mundo equipados para el servicio cristiano fiel y útil.***

*** *Aquellos que pueden, por favor ponganse de pie***

Por favor apaguen todos los teléfonos celulares

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bienvenida, Saludos & Anuncios

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Meditación para la preparación para la adoración

This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all. (1 Timothy 2:3-6 NRSV)

Esto es correcto y aceptable a los ojos de Dios nuestro Salvador, quien desea que todos se salven y lleguen al conocimiento de la verdad. Porque hay un solo Dios; También hay un mediador entre Dios y la humanidad, Cristo Jesús, él mismo humano, que se dio a sí mismo en rescate por todos. (1 Timoteo 2: 3-6 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT *Coral Introito*

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

FESTAL SONG

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME
REUNIRSE EN EL NOMBRE DE DIÓS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Llamada a la adoración*

Bruce Pearson

(Psalm 116,117)

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

People: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Leader: O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

Leader: Praise the LORD, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!

People: For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

(Salmo 116,117)

Líder: Amo al SEÑOR, porque ha escuchado mi voz y mis súplicas. Porque él me inclinó el oído, por tanto, lo invocaré mientras viva.

Gente: Clemente es el SEÑOR y justo; nuestro Dios es misericordioso. El SEÑOR protege a los simples; cuando fui abatido, él me salvó.

Líder: Oh SEÑOR, yo soy tu siervo; Soy tu sirviente, el hijo de tu sirvienta. Has soltado mis ataduras.

Gente: Te ofreceré un sacrificio de acción de gracias e invocaré el nombre de El Señor.

Líder: ¡Alaben al Señor, naciones todas! ¡Exaltadlo, pueblos todos!

Gente: Porque grande es su misericordia para con nosotros, y la fidelidad del SEÑOR permanece para siempre. ¡Alabado sea el Señor!

HYMN OF PRAISE *Himno de Alabanza*

#475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Oración de adoración y la oración del Señor (al unísono)

Lord Jesus, we come in gratitude to praise and honor you and the majesty of your works. On the way to our worship today, we were surrounded by the wonder and beauty of your creation. O Lord, may we have eyes and hearts that notice. Though we are sinners who fail and flail, yet we are welcome in the house of the Lord, where indeed, all are invited and welcomed by your mercy and grace. Holy God, our lives are filled with the blessings of abundance; may we be wise and faithful in how we use these lives and all that they contain. Lord,

show us where and how to give. Show us where and how to reflect your own gracious love and forgiveness. Show us where and how we can serve and know the satisfaction of being useful in the work and purpose of your kingdom. Help us come before you in worship that is worthy, O Lord... **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**

Señor Jesús, venimos en gratitud para alabarte y honrarte y la majestad de tus obras. En el camino a nuestra adoración hoy, estábamos rodeados por la maravilla y la belleza de tu creación. Oh Señor, que tengamos ojos y corazones que se den cuenta. Aunque somos pecadores que fracasamos y flaqueamos, sin embargo somos bienvenidos en la casa del Señor, donde de hecho, todos son invitados y recibidos por tu misericordia y gracia. Santo Dios, nuestras vidas están llenas de las bendiciones de la abundancia, que seamos sabios y fieles en cómo usamos estas vidas y todo lo que contienen. Señor, muéstranos dónde y cómo dar. Muéstranos dónde y cómo reflejar tu propio amor y perdón bondadosos. Muéstranos dónde y cómo podemos servir y conoce la satisfacción de ser útiles en la obra y propósito de tu reino. Ayúdanos a presentarnos ante ti en una adoración digna, oh Señor ... Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre, venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

PLEASE BE SEATED *Tomen asiento por favor*

CALL TO CONFESSION *Llamada a la confesión*

“Lamb of God”
Choral Scholars

ANGUS DEI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *Oración de confesión (unísono)*

Our God of mercy and gracious goodness, you have asked us to serve you in sincerity and faithfulness. We confess that often we have gone through the motions without really meaning what we have said and done. You have asked us to serve you, but too often we are distracted, and we worship lesser and false gods instead. You are a holy God who loves us, and so you sent Jesus to save us from our sins. Forgive us for neglecting you and following foolish and worldly diversions. Forgive us for not being ready and willing when you have called us. Help us awaken to your mercy and pardon, to your call and challenge to our complacency, and hereafter may we walk in sincerity and faithfulness with you, as guided by your Holy Spirit.

Dios nuestro de misericordia y misericordia, nos has pedido que te sirvamos con sinceridad y fidelidad. Confesamos que a menudo hemos pasado por los movimientos sin realmente darnos cuenta de lo que hemos dicho y hecho. Nos has pedido que te sirvamos, pero con demasiada frecuencia nos distraemos y adoramos a dioses menores y falsos. Eres un Dios santo que nos ama, y por eso enviaste a Jesús para salvarnos de nuestros pecados. Perdónanos por descuidarte y seguir desviaciones tontas y mundanas. Perdónanos por no estar preparados y dispuestos cuando nos has llamado. Ayúdanos a despertar a tu misericordia y perdón, a tu llamado y desafío a nuestra complacencia, y de ahora en adelante que podamos caminar con sinceridad y fidelidad contigo, guiados por tu Espíritu Santo.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Momento de confesión en silencio y reflexión

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Seguros del amor y misericordia de Dios

Leader: Hear the words of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John and be comforted. "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in me and in my love." Friends, believe the Good News, all our sins are forgiven.

People: **By God's grace we are loved and saved. Through the sacrifice of Christ, our sin is forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.**

Leader: What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to us?

People: **With the witness of Scripture and the Church through the ages we declare: Jesus Christ is the gracious mission of God to the world and for the world. He is the Emmanuel and Savior, One with the Father, God incarnate in Mary's son, Lord of all, the true human one. His coming transforms everything. His Lordship casts down every idolatrous claim to authority. His life shows what it means to be human. His atoning death reveals the depth of God's love for sinners. His bodily resurrection shatters the powers of sin and death. In the proclamation of the Word, the Spirit calls us to repentance, builds up and renews our life in Christ, strengthens our faith, empowers our service, gladdens our hearts and transforms our lives more fully into the image of Christ.¹**

Líder: *Escuche las palabras de Jesús registradas en el Evangelio de Juan y consuélase. "Como el Padre me amó, también yo os he amado a vosotros. Permaneced en mí y en mi amor". Amigos, crean las Buenas Nuevas, todos nuestros pecados son perdonados.*

Gente: ***Por la gracia de Dios somos amados y salvos. Por el sacrificio de Cristo, nuestro pecado es perdonado, gracias a Dios. Amén.***

Líder: *¿Qué significa para nosotros la resurrección de Jesús?*

¹ from Union in Christ: A declaration for the church by Mark Achtemeier and Andrew Purves, PC(USA), 1997.

Gente: *Con el testimonio de las Escrituras y la Iglesia a través de los siglos, declaramos: Jesucristo es la misericordiosa misión de Dios para el mundo y para el mundo. Él es el Emmanuel y Salvador, Uno con el Padre, Dios encarnado en el hijo de María, Señor de todos, el verdadero humano. Su venida lo transforma todo. Su señoría echa por tierra toda pretensión idólatra de autoridad. Su vida muestra lo que significa ser humano. Su muerte expiatoria revela la profundidad del amor de Dios por los pecadores. Su resurrección corporal destruye los poderes del pecado y la muerte. En la proclamación de la Palabra, el Espíritu nos llama al arrepentimiento, edifica y renueva nuestra vida en Cristo, fortalece nuestra fe, fortalece nuestro servicio, alegra nuestro corazón y transforma nuestra vida más plenamente a la imagen de Cristo.*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE *Himno de Aseuramiento*

#649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

AMAZING GRACE

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Lon Anderson

Momento de buenas noticias para los discípulos jóvenes

- Since children under 12 are not vaccinated, they are asked to wear masks and to sit on the carpet squares in the front during the Young Disciples Talk.
- *Dado que los niños menores de 12 años no están vacunados, se les pide que usen máscaras y que se sienten en los cuadrados de alfombra en el frente durante la charla de los Jóvenes Discípulos.*

CALL TO PRAYER *Llamada a La Oración*

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Choral Scholars

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *Himno* “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Royal Oak

➤ For text see #20 in the hymnal

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PROCLAMACIÓN DE LA PALABRA DE DIÓS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Lecturas de la escritura*

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:3-14

Psalm 100 (New Revised Standard Version)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us,

and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Ephesians 1:3-14 (New Revised Standard Version)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Salmos 100 (Nueva Versión Internacional)

Aclamen alegres al SEÑOR, habitantes de toda la tierra; ² adoren al SEÑOR con regocijo. Preséntense ante él con cánticos de júbilo. ³ Reconozcan que el SEÑOR es Dios; él nos hizo, y somos suyos. Somos su pueblo, ovejas de su prado. ⁴ Entren por sus puertas con acción de gracias; vengan a sus atrios con himnos de alabanza; denle gracias, alaben su nombre. ⁵ Porque el SEÑOR es bueno y su gran amor es eterno; su fidelidad permanece para siempre.

Efesios 1:3-14 (Nueva Versión Internacional)

³ Alabado sea Dios, Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que nos ha bendecido en las regiones celestiales con toda bendición espiritual en Cristo. ⁴ Dios nos escogió en él antes de la creación del mundo, para que seamos santos y sin mancha delante de él. En amor ⁵ nos predestinó para ser adoptados como hijos suyos por medio de Jesucristo, según el buen propósito de su voluntad, ⁶ para alabanza de su gloriosa gracia, que nos concedió en su Amado. ⁷ En él tenemos la redención mediante su sangre, el perdón de nuestros pecados, conforme a las riquezas de la gracia ⁸ que Dios nos dio en abundancia con toda sabiduría y entendimiento. ⁹ Él nos hizo conocer el misterio de su voluntad conforme al buen propósito que de antemano estableció en Cristo, ¹⁰ para llevarlo a cabo cuando se cumpliera el tiempo, esto es, reunir en él todas las cosas, tanto las del cielo como las de la

tierra. ¹¹ En Cristo también fuimos hechos herederos, pues fuimos predestinados según el plan de aquel que hace todas las cosas conforme al designio de su voluntad, ¹² a fin de que nosotros, que ya hemos puesto nuestra esperanza en Cristo, seamos para alabanza de su gloria. ¹³ En él también ustedes, cuando oyeron el mensaje de la verdad, el evangelio que les trajo la salvación, y lo creyeron, fueron marcados con el sello que es el Espíritu Santo prometido. ¹⁴ Este garantiza nuestra herencia hasta que llegue la redención final del pueblo adquirido por Dios, para alabanza de su gloria.

Lider: Esta es la palabra del Señor.
Gente: Gracias a Dios.

SERMON *Sermón* “What The World Needs Now” Rev. Norm Story

*CLOSING HYMN *Himno Final*

#741 “Guide My Feet” GUIDE MY FEET

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

BENEDICTION *Bendición*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bendición Coral*

“Now Go in Joy” JUNKANOO

*POSTLUDE *Postludio* Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A. Smolleck

Liturgist – Bruce Pearson Deacon Captain – Gracia Class

Sound System – Jonathan West Video – Will Schroeder

Rev. Dr. Norm Story	Pastor	Rev. Pyong San Yu	Korean Congregation
Dr. Janet Loman, CLP	College Ministry	Dr. Howard A. Smolleck	Organist
Bobby & Karen Candusso	Youth Group Sponsors	Karen Candusso	Salt & Light Coord.
Beth Borchert-Thomas	Dir. of Music & Bells		

Greeting before Worship Service:

Cecilia Mboh - E Debra Smith – W Lynne Carver- S

Greeting after Worship Service:

Bruce Pearson – E Lon Anderson – W Rev. Norm Story – S

***Those who are able, please stand**

Please turn off all cell phones

Please remember in your prayers: Mike Thomas and family on the death of JoAnn Thomas; Carol Bott; Paul Vaughan; Melanie Grant; Steve Loman; Genevieve Ariege; Virginia Haynes; Jess, daughter of David and Donna Curtiss; Mary Olberg; Ann Miller; Clyde and Juanita Treat; Robert Watkins; Fred Yanker; Dorris Hamilton; J.M. Allen; Rev. Marcus Burr; all who feel isolated in these troubled times; Presbyterian Church (USA); Deacons' Ministries; Gospel Rescue Mission; Casa de Peregrinos; Missionaries Doug and Sherry Barron, CRU headquarters in Orlando Florida.

Welcome!

We come together as a community at worship to experience the grace of God, who is present in our midst. This is a time to open ourselves to Him and to each other. Expect great things of God and His grace will come to you! Thank you for coming to First Presbyterian Church; we are glad that you are here. If you are not active in a church home in this community, we invite you to consider joining our fellowship and sharing in this ministry of Christ.

Our sacred space is not this building or this Sanctuary, but it is the fellowship we share, the hospitality we live, and the presence of God we see in each other.

For prayer requests during the week, call the church office to get your request on the Church-wide Prayer Chain, or e-mail Linda Ramirez at linda@fpc.lc

Our Vision: A place where Christian love is modeled

Our Mission: To be a place where Christian love is modeled through:

1. Understanding, celebrating, and sharing God's Word.
2. Following obediently where God is leading us.
3. Leading, nurturing, and serving our community for Christ.

A Belated Happy Birthday to:

7/01 – Brad Class

7/07 – Cecilia Mboh

7/10 – Lorry Hokscho

Happy Birthday to:

7/14 – Ed Mathis

7/15 – Marill Crouse, Amy Pleasant

7/16 – Steve Harbaugh

7/18 – Alex Burr, Steve Loman, Winnie Quinzi, James Roegge

(If we missed your birthday, please call the office at 526-5559 or email Linda at linda@fpc.lc)

Greetings! Our worship services are now available

- 1) in-person, with Covid19 precautions
- 2) live-stream on YouTube (search for: First Presbyterian Church Las Cruces, NM)
- 3) by FM radio from the East parking lot, station 106.3
- 4) by video on the church website, our Facebook site or YouTube

CHURCH CALENDAR

Call the church office 526-5559 for information on any events, or by the net: www.fpc.lc or
by e-mail: linda@fpc.lc

Rev. Norm Story e-mail: revstory@fpc.lc

Facebook: Look up First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces

Sunday, July 11, 2021

9:30 – 11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall

9:30 AM Sunday School for 6th grade through High School in Reeves Hall

10:30 AM Worship Service

11:45 AM Sermon discussion in the Jones Hall Library with Rev. Story

Monday, July 12, 2021

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

1:00 PM Memorial service for JoAnn Thomas in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Midnight Deadline for submission for the Good News scotty.benaway@sbcglobal.net

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Friday, July 16, 2021

Saturday, July 17, 2021

Sunday, July 18, 2021

9:30 – 11:45 AM Childcare in Branigan Hall

9:30 AM Sunday School for 6th grade through High School in Reeves Hall

10:30 AM Worship Service

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Casa de Peregrinos – The Las Cruces Food Pantry

Every week the Deacons deliver the non-perishable food items that are collected to the local food bank at the Community of Hope. On Sunday mornings the food donations for Casa de Peregrinos can be left in the containers that are located at the doors to the Sanctuary. During this time of food insecurity for many of our neighbors, please consider purchasing an extra can or box of food to donate. It would be most appreciated.

- Hand-sanitizer and wipes are located at each door.
- A purple box is located in each aisle with slots where you can deposit your offering.
- Child care is available in Branigan Hall, birth through age 5, beginning at 9:30 am.
- Sunday School for 6th grade through High School is also offered, beginning at 9:30 am, in Reeves Hall.
- Please register your presence on the small slip of paper in your bulletin and place it in the purple offering box in the aisle, so that if we need to do contact tracing later we can contact those who were present.



and Socks and undies, too!



Back to School ALREADY??

School starts again on AUG 9th!! YIKES! Because of the early starting date, the Deacons are collecting NEW socks, undies, school supplies and backpacks from now through July 18th. The Socks & Undies will go to the Gospel Rescue Mission Clothing Room which assists 600-700 students each year who need NEW socks & Undies.

In the Sanctuary there are containers for these items or you can make a monetary donation. If it is cash please place in an envelope and mark it for "Socks & Undies" or "School Supplies" and deposit it in one of the purple offering boxes. If you are writing a check please specify in the memo field if it is for the "Socks & Undies" or "School Supplies".

Let's remember that there are many children in our community who are in need of new socks and undies, and let's help them go back to school with their needs met.

Thank you for your generosity and Christian concern.

Online Giving on the Rise

In these unprecedented times, we have been very blessed to have the option of online giving. We have seen a major increase with our faithful congregation giving in this manner. This has been instrumental in keeping our Mission in place and our budget in line. Cash and checks are still welcome, but we are glad to offer a more convenient, safe, and easy way to give. Many options are available and listed below. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful giving.

Go to the church website: fpc.lc click on the "heart" icon and set up your giving today.

Or go directly to: fpc.lc/giving

Smartphone users can download the Planning Center App: Find First Presbyterian Church, select and start your giving in under a minute.

You can also Text 84321, enter any dollar amount, follow the steps listed and you are set for future giving. One simple step to giving with the convenience of one text from then on.

QR Scan: Follow the prompts and it is as easy as 1, 2, 3! Give quickly, securely and even set up recurring gifts. Supporting your church has never been easier!



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-Our worship services and midweek concerts are available on our website, Facebook and YouTube.
-You can listen to the service in the east parking lot on 106.3 FM.