

First Presbyterian Church Las Cruces, New Mexico

7th Sunday After Easter June 1, 2025 - 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Only live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. **Philippians 1:27**

CHORAL INTROIT You Are Holy Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Scott Burns (Psalm 97)**

Leader: The LORD Is King! Let earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

People: **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples behold his glory. All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.**

Leader: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

People: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(unison) Almighty and merciful God, we profess that you can do anything - far more than we could ever imagine, or guess, or request in our wildest dreams. You do it not by forcing us, but by working within us, your Spirit dwelling deeply and gently within us. Glory to God in the church and in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ! Glory to God through all the generations! Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO CONFESSION “Fairest Lord Jesus” Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O holy and merciful God, we want to be more like Jesus, always faithful, loving, and obedient. But as you already know, there are things that we say and do that hurt other people. We remember that Jesus would go to a quiet place to think, listen, and pray, spending time with the Father. Now in our prayer, help us use this quiet time to think, listen, and pray. We want to be more like Jesus, and we are sorry that we stray from the path of righteousness. Thank you for loving us enough to forgive us freely. Thank you for helping us amend our ways as we grow closer to you, day by day and year by year.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

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 Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven; thanks be to God. Amen.

Leader: Let us affirm and declare what Scripture leads us to believe, using the Nicene Creed.

People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and

the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE “Eternal” Bells of Praise Amon
Taylor, Director**

**GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Chibuzo
Chilaka**

**CALL TO PRAYER “Lord, Listen to Your Children
Praying” Choir**

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "In Remembrance" Holly Dalager, Oboe

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 17:20-26 Scott Burns

"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Magnetic Grace" Dr. Janet Loman

*CLOSING HYMN #529 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Here we touch your garment's hem. As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Heaven Is Singing for Joy,
Alleluia" Choir

*POSTLUDE Hymn Tune Improvisation Howard A.
Smolleck