



First Presbyterian Church

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025 - 10:30 AM

Enter to worship – Leave to serve

PRELUDE

"Herald of Summer"

Rob Roy Peery (1900-1973)

"Faith Of Our Fathers"

Karrin Elizabeth Ford (b. 1951)

"And the Glory of the Lord" (from Handel's Messiah) Homer Whitford (1892-1980)

**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

WELCOME, GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. (Proverbs 8:1-4 NRSV)

CHORAL INTROIT

"O Lord, Our Lord"

How Majestic

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ada Castle

Leader: In Christ, we are called to endure and to hope. Let us give thanks for a faith that brings peace.

People: God of grace and glory, Savior of your people, how precious to us is your gift of Jesus Christ!

Leader: The Holy Spirit is present to guide and direct us, let us listen that we may hear and do what is true.

People: God of grace and glory, ever present with us, how reassuring is the love with which you surround us!

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

Amazing God, revealed to us in more ways than we can count, yet binding in unity all that was and is and yet shall be, we worship you. Source of mountains and seas, giver of light and darkness, we marvel at the work of your hands. Reconciler and Redeemer, we are awed by the forgiving love that draws us to you and empowers us to care for one another. Spirit of truth, whose guidance is available to us every day, we rejoice in your transforming presence. Triune God, bless, we pray, this gathering of your disciples as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us... **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**

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO CONFESSION

“You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”
Chancel Choir

Wayfaring Stranger

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of Wisdom, our choices have denied you. We drink from the shallow waters of instant gratification when you offer springs of living water from the depths of your love. We pursue our own fame and glory, which crumble into dust when we view the sacrifice and service that build true character. O God, we confess that we have not put first things first. We have not lived up to the crown of glory and honor you offer us. Recall us to awe and wonder and guide us in the ways of truth.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

Leader: Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor, and to work for the reconciliation of the world.

People: **We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Tell me, from where does this peace proceed?

People: **Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.¹**

¹ The Heidelberg Catechism of 1563, Question #60.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“I Danced in the Morning”

Lord of the Dance

GOOD NEWS TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Larry Hicks

- Children are asked to sit on the carpet squares in the front.

CALL TO PRAYER

#688 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Morecambe

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

Courtney

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

Dr. Janet Loman

Psalm 8 (Dr. Robert Alter’s Translation)

LORD, our Master, how majestic Your name in all the earth! Whose splendor was told over the heavens. From the mouth of babes and sucklings You founded strength on account of Your foes to put an end to enemy and avenger. When I see Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars You fixed firm, “What is man that You should note him, and the human creature, that You pay him heed, and You make him little less than the gods, with glory and grandeur You crown him? You make him rule over the work of Your hands. All things You set under his feet. Sheep and oxen all together, and also the beasts of the field, birds of the heavens and fish of the sea, what moves on the paths of the seas.” LORD, our Master, how majestic Your name in all the earth!

Romans 5:1-5 (New Revised Standard Version)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Triune God”

Rev. Nick Koontz

*CLOSING HYMN

#39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

GO IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

"I Danced in the Morning"

Lord of the Dance

*"Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he."*

*POSTLUDE

Hymn Tune Improvisation

Howard A. Smolleck