

## Presbytery Worship February 20, 2020

#### **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE** Little Fugue in G minor, BWV 578, J.S. Bach

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pat Laws, La Mesa

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth;

Many: God saw everything God had made and indeed, it was very good.

One: In the beginning, God had a secret plan:

Many: That Gentiles and Jews would share together in the promises of

God.

One: In the beginning, God accomplished our salvation;

Many: In Jesus Christ, God made us all part of the same body.

One: In the beginning, there was the Word,

Many: And the Word was life, the light of all peoples.

One: In the beginning, God set one big Table,

Many: And still today, God invites us all: "Come!"

### HYMN # 163 Lone and Wild the Prophet's Voice

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#### **CALL TO CONFESSION\***

the Rev. Seth Finch, Covenant

Leader: Perhaps we have spoken words which harm another. It may be we have failed to honor another of God's children. Maybe we have let our

fears, our worries, our desires come between us and God. Whatever we might have done, God waits to listen to us, to offer us grace and healing. Join me as we pray together.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*

O Lord for whom the night is as day, we confess our fear of the dark. From childhood anxieties of monsters under the bed, to fears of criminals hiding in darkened streets, we imagine the worst when we cannot see. We admit that our fears run wild in our minds when we feel vulnerable. Forgive us when we consciously make wasteful and hurtful decisions based on irrational fears. Grant us the courage to walk in the dark, to practice calming our fears and trusting your presence even there. Teach us to walk in faith – the conviction of things not seen – and not in fear. In the name of Jesus, who shines in the darkness and is not overcome, we pray, AMEN.

#### TESTIMONY ON FACING A FEAR

#### **KYRIE & EXTINGUISHING OF A CANDLE**



## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE\* (PSALM 139)**

One: LORD, you have examined me. You know me. You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans. Where could I go to get away from your spirit? Where could I go to escape your presence? If I went up to heaven, you would be there. If I went down to the grave, you would be there too! If I could fly on the wings of dawn, stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean— even there your hand would guide me; even there your strong hand would hold me tight! If I said, "The darkness will definitely hide me; the light will become night around me," even then the darkness isn't too dark for you! Examine me, God! Look at my heart! Put me to the test! Know my anxious thoughts! Look to see if there is any idolatrous way in me, then lead me on the eternal path! Friends, believe the Good News of God!

All: In Jesus Christ we are made whole! Thanks be to God!

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Siobhan Croto, Raton

About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness." At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him. After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

the Rev. Dr. Kay Huggins, Parish Associate, Second Presbyterian **Ephesians 3:3-12** God showed me the secret divine plan in a revelation, as mentioned briefly before (when you read this, you'll understand my insight into the secret plan about Christ). Earlier generations didn't know this hidden plan that God has now revealed to our holy apostles and prophets through the Spirit. This plan is that the Gentiles would be coheirs and parts of the same body, and that they would share with the Jews in the promises of God in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I became a servant of the gospel because of the grace that God showed me through God's own power. God gave grace to me, the least of all God's people, to preach the good news about the immeasurable riches of Christ to the

Gentiles. God sent me to reveal the secret plan that has been hidden since the beginning of time by God, who created everything. God's purpose is now to show the rulers and powers in the heavens the many different varieties of God's wisdom through the church. This was consistent with the plan God had from the beginning of time that God accomplished through Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ we have bold and confident access to God through faith in Jesus.

SERMON "God's Plan for the Church" Kay Huggins

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**ANTHEM** For Everyone Born Wellshire Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

#### INSTALLATION OF THE MODERATOR-ELECT

the Rev. Kathy Barlow Westmoreland, Moderator Clara Storms, Covenant

**COMMUNION** the Rev. Madeline Hart-Anderson, Westminster Santa Fe
The Rev. Dr. Rob Woodruff, Second, Albuquerque

CALL FOR OFFERING Beth Miller, Rio Rancho

**OFFERTORY** Prelude in F Major, BWV 928 J.S. Bach

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER

the Rev. Dr. Richard Holmes, Las Placitas

HYMN #770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table



#### **BENEDICTION**

Kathy Westmoreland

Piano, Organ, and Harpsichord, Linda Raney, First Santa Fe Vocals, Travis Bregier, First Santa Fe Trumpets, Jan MacDonald and Jim Toevs, First Santa Fe

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