



**Presbytery of Santa Fe Worship
July 20, 2024
La Jicarita Cluster
First Presbyterian Church of Taos**

****A note from the Presbytery Worship Networking Committee:
It is our prayer that as we participate together in this worship service, the vast diversity
of God's people and the beauty of their faith traditions will be lifted up,
helping us to acknowledge and commit to our shared humanity.
In our use of elements from a variety of faith experiences, we seek not to appropriate
but to celebrate our common reliance on the God of Love.****

GATHERING WITH MUSIC – Brian Uerling, First PC of Taos

***GATHERING WITH WORDS** – Leslee Cordova, Elder, Smith Memorial PC, Truchas
*(Excerpted from the lyrics of "With the Mountains" from the songbook of the Nur Ashki
Jerrahi [Sufi] Community)*

One: With the mountains and the stars I will call on you, my creator

All: Upon you I will call

One: At dawn with the birds singing I will call

All: Upon you, my creator, on you will I call

One: With the fish beneath the sea, with all lives in ecstasy, my creator

All: Upon you I will call

Let us come together in worship

***GATHERING WITH SONG:** (#669) "Let's Sing unto the Lord"/"Cantemos al Señor"

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR HUMANITY – Rev. David Crowley, HR

***Some of the material in this confession series has been modified from “A Public Litany” from the PC(USA) study Denouncing Antisemitism and Islamophobia, which was approved by the PC(USA) General Assembly in 2022.*

Leader: When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation. This begins with our reconciling with God and one another. To be invited into this time is to be invited into the possibility of reconciliation that is available through the grace of God. As we come together in worship in God’s beloved community, let us trust in God’s grace and love, offering our prayers of confession.

COMING CLEAN BEFORE GOD

Leader: God of Grace, Generous Creator, we depend on your steadfast love and mercy to sustain us as we open our own souls to see the realities that we carry within ourselves.

PEOPLE: **As broken people who desire to be better, we ask for your forgiveness, O God.**

Leader: We have sinned against you in our assumption that only in our way of understanding the Faith, can you be known, and that, therefore, only we can know fully.

PEOPLE: **As broken people who desire to be better, we ask for your forgiveness, O God.**

Leader: We acknowledge the times when we have been silent when words of healing and acts of solidarity were needed.

PEOPLE: **As broken people who desire to be better, we ask for your forgiveness, O God.**

Leader: We repent for the harm we have caused those who are made in God’s image and who are a part of God’s family, acknowledging that our repentance must be an ongoing act of self-examination. And we pledge to stand with those who have been hurt in any way because of who they are, what they believe, or where they are from.

PEOPLE: **God who mourns with us...**

Leader: ...we come to you from varied expressions of faith but pray to you with one voice.

PEOPLE: **God who gives us strength...**

Leader: ...we pray to you as one people, with one voice.

PEOPLE: **God who comforts us...**

Leader: ...we pray to you as one people, with one voice.

PEOPLE: **God who convicts us...**

Leader: ...we pray to you as one people, with one voice.

PEOPLE: **God who stirs within us to nudge us toward our own healing...**

Leader: ...we pray to you as one people, with one voice.

PEOPLE: **God who stirs within us to reach out to one another...**

Leader: ...we pray to you as one people, with one voice.

PEOPLE: **God who desires to see all people flourish and be made whole...**

Leader: ...we pray to you as one people, with one voice.

PEOPLE: **God whose mercy endures forever...**

Leader: ...we pray to you as one people, with one voice.

ALL: ***Together, with one voice, we come to you, Almighty and Eternal God, who is Love. AMEN.***

REJOICING IN OUR FORGIVENESS

Leader: As promised in Psalm 103, *“God does not deal with us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear God; as far as the east is from them west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.”*

Because of this promise in scripture, and Christ’s redeeming sacrifice and love, we are forgiven. Friends, believe these words of assurance and live with newness and joy. Thanks be to God!

EXPERIENCING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: As people who are accepted, forgiven, and loved by God, may we also experience God's peace. May the Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All are invited to exchange signs of peace and reconciliation with one another as we sing

(#448) "Peace of God Be With You" ["As-salaamu lakum"], an Arabic greeting,

PREPARING OUR HEARTS WITH MUSIC – "O Sing to the Lord"

(Directed by Suzanne Johnson, Director of Music, The United Church of Los Alamos, with accompaniment by Brian Uerling)

PREPARING OUR HEARTS WITH PRAYER – Rev. Ginna Bairby, MWS, First PC of Taos

LISTENING TO AND FOR THE WORD OF GOD

In the Scriptures: John 13:31-35 and Acts 2:1-18,42-47

From the Common English Bible – Rev. Ginna Bairby

John 13:31-35

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in himself and will glorify him immediately. Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—'Where I'm going, you can't come.'

"I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

Acts 2:1-18, 42-47

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams.
Even upon my servants, men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.*

...The believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God’s goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

From the [Native] Bible - June Lorenzo, Elder, Laguna United PC

De Dios Habla Hoy – Rev. Alberto Cordova, Emmanuel PC, Peñasco

Juan 13:31-35

Después que Judas hubo salido, Jesús dijo: “Ahora se muestra la gloria del Hijo del hombre, y la gloria de Dios se muestra en él. Y si el Hijo del hombre muestra la gloria de Dios, también Dios mostrará la gloria de él; y lo hará pronto. Hijitos míos, ya no estaré con ustedes mucho tiempo. Ustedes me buscarán, pero lo mismo que les dije a los judíos les digo ahora a ustedes: No podrán ir a donde yo voy. Les doy este mandamiento nuevo: Que se amen los unos a los otros. Así como yo los amo a ustedes, así deben amarse ustedes los unos a los otros. Si se aman los unos a los otros, todo el mundo se dará cuenta de que son discípulos míos.”

Acts 2: 1-18, 42-47

Cuando llegó la fiesta de Pentecostés, todos los creyentes se encontraban reunidos en un mismo lugar. De repente, un gran ruido que venía del cielo, como de un viento fuerte, resonó en toda la casa donde ellos estaban. Y se les aparecieron lenguas como de fuego que se repartieron, y sobre cada uno de ellos se asentó una. Y todos quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo, y comenzaron a hablar en otras lenguas, según el Espíritu hacía que hablaran.

Vivían en Jerusalén judíos cumplidores de sus deberes religiosos, que habían venido de todas partes del mundo. La gente se reunió al oír aquel ruido, y no sabía qué pensar, porque cada uno oía a los creyentes hablar en su propia lengua. Eran tales su sorpresa y su asombro, que decían: “¿Acaso no son galileos todos estos que están hablando? ¿Cómo es que los oímos hablar en nuestras propias lenguas? Aquí hay gente de Partia, de Media, de Elam, de Mesopotamia, de Judea, de Capadocia, del Ponto y de la provincia de Asia, de Frigia y de Panfilia, de Egipto y de las regiones de Libia cercanas a Cirene. Hay también gente de Roma que vive aquí; unos son judíos de nacimiento y otros se han convertido al judaísmo. También los hay venidos de Creta y de Arabia. ¡Y los oímos hablar en nuestras propias lenguas de las maravillas de Dios!”

Todos estaban asombrados y sin saber qué pensar; y se preguntaban: “¿Qué significa todo esto?” Pero algunos, burlándose, decían: “¡Es que están borrachos!”

Entonces Pedro se puso de pie junto con los otros once apóstoles, y con voz fuerte dijo:

“Judíos y todos los que viven en Jerusalén, sepan ustedes esto y oigan bien lo que les voy a decir. Éstos no están borrachos como ustedes creen, ya que apenas son las nueve de la mañana. Al contrario, aquí está sucediendo lo que anunció el profeta Joel, cuando dijo: ‘Sucederá que en los últimos días, dice Dios, derramaré mi Espíritu sobre toda la humanidad; los hijos e hijas de ustedes comunicarán mensajes proféticos, los jóvenes tendrán visiones, y los viejos tendrán sueños. También sobre mis siervos y siervas derramaré mi Espíritu en aquellos días, y comunicarán mensajes proféticos.’”

(42-47)

Y eran fieles en conservar la enseñanza de los apóstoles, en compartir lo que tenían, en reunirse para partir el pan y en la oración.

Todos estaban asombrados a causa de los muchos milagros y señales que Dios hacía por medio de los apóstoles. Todos los creyentes estaban muy unidos y compartían sus bienes entre sí; vendían sus propiedades y todo lo que tenían, y repartían el dinero según las necesidades de cada uno. Todos los días se reunían en el templo, y en las casas partían el pan y comían juntos con alegría y sencillez de corazón. Alababan a Dios y eran estimados por todos; y cada día el Señor hacía crecer la comunidad con el número de los que él iba llamando a la salvación.

In a Pastor’s Reflection – Siobhan Croto, Pastor, Raton First PC

“Serving God & Community: How A Few Determined Spirits
Fired by Faith in Mission Sustain & Inspire Us”

RESPONDING WITH SONG: (#721) “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore/Tú Has Venido a la Orilla”

RESPONDING WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Shirley Sandoval, Commissioned Pastor, El Rito Presbyterian,
and Rev. Randy Campbell, MWS, HR, Las Vegas, presiding

Leader: According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Remember the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: We remember and are thankful.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray. Mighty God.....Your ways are just and true.

**People: Holy, holy holy is the Lord God, Creator of all things, seen and unseen.
God was, God is, and God is to come.**

Leader: Holy God, we praise you.....we may be drawn together and made one with
Jesus Christ,
Who is the way, the truth and the life.

**People: With Christians through all ages, we lift our hearts to you, giving thanks and
trusting you to
use us as your people; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Leader: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest....

(The service continues with the blessing and sharing of the bread and cup by intinction.)

Unison Prayer after Communion:

**We thank you, Creator God, for this supper shared in the Spirit with your Son Jesus,
who makes us new and strong and brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving all
good gifts in him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as you have served us in
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS AND GRATITUDE – Jim Croto, Elder, First PC of Raton

***SINGING OUR PRAISE:** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" (#606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

OR

A Dios el Padre celestial;

Al hijo nuestro redentor;

y al eternal consolador;

unidos todos, alabad.

Amen.

***PRAYING OUR THANKSGIVING**

RESPONDING WITH OUR PRAYERS – Rev. Bill Humphreys, Smith Memorial (Truchas)
and El Buen

Pastor (Chimayó)

SUNG PRAYER: “Nothing Can Trouble/Nada Te Turbe” (#820)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

RECEIVING A BLESSING

(Al-Fatiha, “The Opening,” from the Qur’an; translated by Kabir Helminski)

In the name of God, the infinitely Compassionate and Merciful.

Praise be to God, Lord of all the worlds.

The Compassionate, the Merciful. Ruler on the Day of Reckoning.

You alone do we worship, and You alone do we ask for help.

Guide us on the straight path,

the path of those who have received your grace;

not the path of those who have brought down wrath, nor of those who wander astray.

Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S BLESSING: (#747) “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth/Enviado Soy de Dios”

GOING FORTH WITH MUSIC – Brian Uerling

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