

First Presbyterian, Mexico

September 20, 2020

Order of Worship

Woody preaching; John Butcher liturgist; Michael Moore Children's Time

Prelude-In the Garden

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

Shout praise to God!

Let us praise God with music and great joy!

Thanks be to God who restores us to new life!

Praise be to Jesus Christ who walks each day with us.

Praise be to the Spirit who fills us with life and grace.

Let us sing praise to God!

Opening Song – Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, like Jonah, we put ourselves first and ignore the needs of others. We have not followed your commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and help us this day to see ourselves in community with others, all welcome, all included, all your beloved people. Hear now our silent prayers to you... Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Christ is risen!

New life is ours!

Know that you are forgiven and restored!

Thanks be to God, we are worthy; we are loved.

We will share the Good news by loving and serving all. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Prayer for Openness

Open our hearts, O God, that we might be filled with your love and compassion. Guide our minds to focus on you. Guide our actions that we might live in the way of Christ. Amen.

Scripture Readings – Jonah 3:10 – 4:4

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful,



slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Children’s Time – Open for Sunday School & Kids4Christ (Michael Moore)

Special Music- I’ve Got a Mansion *Maggie Bondy & Eric Meranda*

Sermon – Opening Up

Song – Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Cares & Concerns, Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering
(an offering plate is available as you leave worship today)

Prayer of Thanksgiving
O God, who knows our every need before we can even ask, you provide all our needs and every good thing in our lives. Help us be truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us, for the glory of your name. Amen.

Benediction

Choral Benediction - Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

The chancel flowers are given by Lara & John Caran in honor of their 1st anniversary and Lara’s birthday.