



**First United Methodist Church of Belen  
Rio Communities and Beyond**

**April 18, 2021  
11:00 am Live Stream**



Prelude

“Glorious Grace”

Announcements/Passing of the Peace

Susan Wells, CLM

Call to Worship

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Leader: Jesus is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Where, O death, is your victory?

**All: Where, O death, is your sting?**

Leader: Thanks be to God!

**All: God gives us victory through  
our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

Hymn # 318

“Christ is Alive”

Responsive Psalm 4

Marj Conner, CLS

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

**Your have given me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

How long, O People, shall my honor suffer shame?

**How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

But know that the Lord has set apart the righteous as God's own;

**the Lord hears when I call.**

Be angry, but do not sin;

**commune with your own hearts in your beds, and be silent.**

Offer right sacrifices,

**and put your trust in the Lord.**

There are many who say, :O that we might see some good!

**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord!”**

You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

Hymn # 577

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Children's Moment

Colleen Darcy-Siddell, CLS, Children's Ministry

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 36b– 48

Robert Chavez, CLS

Sermon

“Yes. It is Really Me”

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Affirmation of Faith (on the screen)

Robert Chavez, CLS

**Confession and Pardon” (on the back)**

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Robert Chavez, CLS

Offertory Hymn # 474

“Precious Lord”

Doxology

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Hymn # 733

“Marching to Zion”

**Confession**

Living God, we confess the weakness of our faith. While we have heard the news that, "He is risen," we have kept it to ourselves. In church, in the presence of the Believing, we have professed Christ's victory over the grave three-fold, but in our daily lives, we have lived as if it had no real effect. We have stared into the face of our own mortality and that of others as if we were people with no hope. Forgive us for living a life of futility. For, as Paul proclaimed to those not unlike us, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." Raise in our hearts and minds this day the knowledge of the crucified, dead, and buried One who overcame sin and its sting so that we might live today, tomorrow, and forever with him.

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Friends, the Lord is our strength and our defense. He has become our salvation. In the life, death, and resurrection of His Holy One, the repercussions of our sin are shattered. We have been brought with him from death to life. We are forgiven, not simply because he breathed his last breath, a condemned criminal, who bore the weight of the world's sin on his shoulders, but because he overcame the penalty of our sin by defeating the sting, breaking free from the bonds of death that early and dark Sunday morning.

**In Christ, we are forgiven and freed!**



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**April 2021**

**Sunday, 4-18**

9:00a Contemporary Worship  
(Parking Lot)

11:00 am Traditional Worship  
(Sanctuary)

2:30-5:30 p Youth (Masks are required)

help us to observe preclusion due to covid-19

Monday, 4-19

6:00 p Bell Choir

Tuesday, 4-20

2:30 p W M Grow Board

Wednesday, 4-21

6:30 p Bible Study

Thursday, 4-22

6:15 p Praise Team Practice

7:00 P Tenor/Bass Choir

7:30 p Full Choir Practice

8:00 p Women's Choir Practice


Friday, 4-23


Saturday, 4-24

*Have A Blessed Week*



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