



First United Methodist Church of Belen
Rio Communities and Beyond
May 2, 2021 11:00 am Live Stream



Prelude

Announcements/Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Leader: Like a whisper that lures us to safety,

People: Strong as a shout that bids us to come,

Leader: Gentle as a prayer that eases our worry,

People: Like a clear bell that rings out our name,

Leader: Your Word comes to us, Loving God.

**People: It calls us, comforts us and urges us to
depart from evil and do good, to seek peace
and pursue it.**

Leader: Talking God, open our hearts to hear you

People: And free our voices to praise you.

Hymn # 98

“To God Be the Glory”

Responsive Psalm 22: 25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live for ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.

For dominion belongs to the Lord who rules over the nations.

All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to the Lord.

All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord, and I shall live for God.

Posterity shall serve the Lord;

each generation shall tell of the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

Surely the Lord has done it.

Hymn # 568

“Christ for the World”

Children's Moment

Colleen Darcy-Siddell, CLS, Children's Ministry

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Scripture Reading

Acts 8: 26-49

Robert Chavez, CLS

Sermon

“If You Abide in Me/Then I'll Abide in You”

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Affirmation of Faith (2nd page)

Robert Chavez, CLS

Confession and Pardon (2nd page)

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Robert Chavez, CLS

Offertory Hymn # 549

“Where Charity and Love”

Doxology

Celebration of Holy Communion

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Hymn # 664

“Sent Forth”

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith.

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all creation, and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of the resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things, it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

Prayer of Confession, Assurance, and Pardon

Beloved, we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

Merciful and loving God, your love for us is unconditional, yet our love for you, for others and for ourselves is often marred. We allow prejudice and pride to blind us; our brokenness remains unhealed; we cling to old stories and hurts which impede the work of reconciliation. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to trust you, for playing it safe instead of following the daring call of your Spirit, for withholding forgiveness and grace from ourselves and others. Let your love renew us yet again. Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead rekindle creative life within us and restore right relations among us. Amen.

We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us. Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen.



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May 2021

Sunday, 5-2

- 9:00a Contemporary Worship (Parking Lot)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) (Masks are required)
- 3:00—4:30 p Youth at church (Oasis Rm) Masks are required)

help us to observe preclusion due to covid-19

Monday, 5-3

- 5:30 p Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p Bell Choir

Tuesday, 5-4

Wednesday, 5-5

- 6:30 p Bible Study

Thursday, 5-6

- 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, 5-7

Saturday, 5-8



Communion Responses

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.....

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.....

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.....

Amen.