



First United Methodist Church of Belen
Rio Communities and Beyond



July 25, 2021

11:00 am Live Stream

Prelude

Marj Conner, CLS

Announcements/Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Marj Conner, CLS

Leader: Loving Christ, you are our gentle Shepherd.
 People: We are your people; we long to know your will and to live in your way.
 Leader: Keep us safe and secure in your compassionate hands.
 People: Lead us, gentle Shepherd, lead us into new paths of love and service.
 Leader: As you lead and guide us, touch our hearts and minds in this worship time,
 People: So that our spirits may be refreshed and our lives filled with joy and praise.

Hymn # 139

"Praise to the Lord" vs. 1 & 5

Responsive Psalm 14 (pg.746 and on the screen)

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Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none that does good.
 The Lord looks down from heaven on all people, to see if there are any that are wise, who seek after God.
They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is none that does good, no, not one.
 Have they no knowledge, the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?
There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.
 You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge
**O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores their fortunes,
 Jacob shall rejoice and Israel shall be glad!**

Hymn # 558

"We Are the Church" vs. 1 & 4

Children's Moment

Colleen Darcy-Siddell, CLS, Children's Ministry

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3: 14 -21

Cheryl Huber

"Jonah and The Whale" Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald: Author

Presenting: *Mark Jaramillo*: Jonah
Evan Meza: King of Nineveh, Captain, and God
Leanna Gonzales: Sailor 1 and Citizen 3 *Zoe Gonzales*: Sailor 2 and Citizen 2
Lalani Gonzales: Sailor 3 and Citizen 1
Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald: Author/Director
Marj Conner: Director Assistant
Corby Chavez: Accompanist
Tiernan Phillips: Stage Director

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon (on pg. 2)

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Robert Chavez, CLS

Hymn # 352

"It's Me" vs.1 & 3

Doxology

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Song of Departing # 703

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" vs. 1 & 3

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God’s kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God’s gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth’s resources.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope and love, praying that God’s kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

Prayer of Confession

We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God. And like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit’s movement among us. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen. [silence]

Let us confess together: All People

Spirit of God, you come to us as a powerful wind — but we have shut the door and bolted it, to try to keep you out.

You descend on us as tongues of fire — but we run away, afraid of being consumed. You give us gifts beyond our ability — but we squander them, we hide them, we say, “Not today,” or “How can one person make a difference?” or “No, Lord, not me.”

On this day of Sabbath, forgive our feebleness. Break open the doors of resistance. Let the fire of your Spirit dance within each of us. And give us courage and faith to claim your call for our lives. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Joe MacDonald

Hear the good news! God’s Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth. Thanks be to God!

JULY 2021 Weekly Calendar

Sunday, 7-25
 9:00 a Contemporary Worship
 11:00 a Traditional Worship
 3.00 p Youth
 6:00 p Recovery Group
 6:00 p Adult Confirmation Class

Monday, 7-26
 5:30 p Girl Scouts
 6:00 p Bell Choir
 6:15 p Recovery Group

Tuesday, 7-27

Wednesday, 7-28
 6:15 p Recovery Group
 6:00 p Bible Study

Thursday, 7-29
 6:15 p Praise Team Practice
 7:00 p Choir Practice

Friday, 7-30

Saturday, 7-31



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