



First Presbyterian Church
Farmington, NM

September 22, 2024

Ringing of the Bell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Lord, My God
(Bach/Dupré)

Julia Thom

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 40, Jewish Publication Society 2023 trans.)

I put my hope in God,
who inclined toward me, and heeded my cry.
A new song was placed into my mouth, a hymn to our God.
**Happy are those who trust in God,
who turn not to the proud or to the followers of falsehood.**
You, O our Eternal God, have done many things,
the wonders you have devised for us; none can equal you.
**Let all who seek you be glad and rejoice in you.
Let those who are eager for your deliverance always say,
“Great is the Lord!”**
May our Sovereign bring deliverance for the oppressed.
You are our help and our rescuer; our God, do not delay.
Let us worship God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer!

***GATHERING HYMN #612** *We Praise You, O God*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Dr. Klotz

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Dr. Klotz, Unison

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
stubborn than serving, legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the presence of your Holy Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus’ powerful name. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. Dr. Klotz

***ALLELUIA** (from the Orthodox Liturgy of Kyiv)

A musical score for the Alleluia, featuring a treble and bass clef staff in 4/4 time. The melody is written in G major. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - i - a, Al - le - lu - i - a. Al - - le - lu - i - a." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first phrase.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Dr. Klotz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Klotz

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Romans 5:1-5 (pg. 155)

Olya Balaban

SERMON

Rev. Bob Gamble

***HYMN #340**

This Is My Song

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 35)

Rev. Dr. Klotz

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Klotz

OFFERTORY

Praise and Thanksgiving (Bunessan)
(arr. Wood)

Julia Thom

***DOXOLOGY #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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Dr. Klotz

***HYMN #353**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bob Gamble

POSTLUDE

Short Fantasy in G
(Walker Baylor)

Julia Thom

**Please stand if you are able*

We are grateful for your offering by cash or check in the offering plate, online via fpcfarmington.org, or using this QR code!



Prayer concerns: Maxine Pierce; John Romine; Ryder Billingsley; Sam & Mia Fisk; John Hall; Norbert & Family; Rachel Olejniczak; Joe & Georgia Cotie; Linda Gluff; Dorothy Gibbons; Alan Nelson; Judy Hitt; Tim Mietty; Christine Fassler; Sandy Bell; Paul & Deb Klotz; Jillian; Betty Martini; Jaxon & Logan Ashbaugh; Roger Sheak; Jacob Bean; Jack Tiller; Addison; Gwen Clouthier; Carlyn; Paul Cutler; Wayne Miety; Grace Shippey; Tina Hitt-Newton; Delthea Baneroft; Hannah; Beth Klotz; Barbara James; Eunice Howard; Mary Marley; Larry Brewer; Richard Fitzhugh; Betty McConnel; Kathy Stewart; Cruz Marez; Evelyn Young; Rhonda and Fred Wagner; Craig O'Kelley; Arlene Butler; Janet Patterson

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday, September 22nd:**
 - Youth & Adult Sunday School—9:15 am
 - Worship— 10:30 am
 - Post Worship Ice Cream Social—Following Worship. Ogilvie Hall.
- **Tuesday, September 24th & Wednesday, September 25th:**
 - Homework Club 3-5 pm: Howieson Room/Ogilvie Hall
- **Thursday, September 26th:**
 - Crafts & Conversation— 10:30 am. Use south entrance.
 - Book Group - 12 pm. Howieson Room. 505.215.9763

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- September's Men's Breakfast will take place Thursday, September 26th at 9 am in the Howieson Room on the south end of the building. Sign up in the Narthex or church office today!
- We will hold a Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, October 5th at 5pm to give thanks to God for animal friends. Bring your pet or a token of your friendship (i.e. a picture, collar, toy) for a prayer and a blessing with Pastor James and his cat Dodi.
- Kids 5-12 yrs old are invited to participate in engaging bible lessons on Sunday Mornings with Linda Pacheco at 9:15 am in the Youth Classroom located down the main hallway behind the sanctuary.
- Sundays at 9:15am take part in Adult Sunday School and discover the historical context of the scriptures with National Geographic and Jean-Pierre Isbouts' video series "The History and Archaeology of the Bible." Together, we watch a beautifully produced 30-min video followed by engaging & thoughtful discussions around faith, history, and the bible.

We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.