



**May 17, 2026**  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Frank Yates

**Liturgist:** Linda Hood

**Psalmist:** Dave Shambach

**Greeters:** Leah & Pat Gerlach

**Ushers:** Cip & Mariz Chavez, Sharon Glass, Karen Williams

**Early Morning Security:** Bill Cox

**May Sanctuary Stewards:** Crystal Mitchell and Karen Williams

**Director of Music:** Nancy Leffler

**Accompanist:** Nathan Secrest

# Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

**Gathering Music**      *Daily Praise*      - by Eric Lewis

**Welcome & Announcements**, including prayer concerns

**Passing of the Peace**      Linda Hood

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

**Introit**      *Come! Live in the Light!*      Chancel Choir

**Prelude**      *Homage*      - by Edward Elgar

**Call to Worship (from Psalm 115)**      Linda Hood

Leader: Our God, in heaven, does what He pleases.

**People: O Israel, trust in the Lord who is your help and shield.**

Leader: You, who stand in awe before the Lord, trust in the Lord.

**People: We will bless the Lord from this time and forevermore.**

**All: Praise the Lord and worship our God!**

**\*Hymn #251**      *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

**Call to Confession**      Linda Hood

**Prayer of Confession (unison):**

**All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Hear now our silent prayers.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Choral Response**      *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*  
(Please join the choir as we sing this together.)

**Assurance of Forgiveness**      Linda Hood

**Hymn #581**      *Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri*

**Prayer for Illumination**      Linda Hood

**Reading from the New Testament: 1 Peter 5: 6-11**

(This can be found on page 1106 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35** Dave Shambach

(This can be found on p. 518, in your pew Bible.)

**Word Through Music**    *I Will Be a Child of Peace*    Chancel Choir

**Reading from the Gospel: John 17: 1-11**                      Rev. Frank Yates

(This can be found on p. 985, in your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**ALL:        Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**                      *And Jesus Prayed*                      Rev. Frank Yates

**\*Hymn #472**              *Kum ba Yah*

**Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer**

**Call for the Offering**    Linda Hood

**Offertory**                      *Father, We Praise You*                      - by Todd Kendall

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**    Linda Hood

**\*Sending Song #546:**              *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Benediction Response**              *We Are Called*                      Chancel Choir

**Postlude**

*To God Be the Glory*

- by Ron Loree

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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\*Please stand as you are comfortable

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# 251 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for  
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has a -  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Al - le - lu -

praise him, al - le - lu - ia. For our re - deem - er  
 strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did  
 Je - sus who is not here. See for your - selves the  
 ris - en this world to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing  
 ia, to him prais - es be. Je - sus is liv - ing!

burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 death un - der - go, and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 tomb is all bare. On - ly the grave clothes are ly - ing there."  
 la - bors are done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 Let us all sing; he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

The good news of the Resurrection is retold in this lively hymn from Tanzania, blending 20th-century words with a traditional melody. In African call-and-response practice, the stanzas would ordinarily be sung by a soloist or small group and the refrain by the whole congregation.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful

sting he has come to de-stroy. Our sin for-giv-ing,

al-le-lu-ia! Je-sus is liv-ing, al-le-lu-ia!

Kum ba Yah

1 \*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah!  
 2 Some-one's cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's  
 3 Some-one's sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's  
 4 Some-one's pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's

yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord,  
 cry - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's cry - ing, Lord,  
 sing - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's sing - ing, Lord,  
 pray - ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's pray - ing, Lord,

kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

*\*Come by here*

This African American spiritual, first recorded in the 1920s, seems to have originated somewhere in the southern United States. It enjoyed renewed popularity during the folk revival of the 1960s and became a standard campfire song, eventually traveling throughout the world.

## 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.