



October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins

Liturgist: Arlene Thomas

Psalmist: Karen Beaton

Greeter: Pat & Leah Gerlach

Ushers: Sharon Glass, Reyes & Velina Chavez, Karen Williams

Flowers: Given by Lisa Wengerd in honor of her parents and brother

Early Morning Security: Dave Sternberg

October Sanctuary Stewards: Denise Baker & Beth Miller

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music *Meditation on Hanover* - by Terry Osman

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

Minute for Stewardship

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

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

Introit *As We Gather in This Place* Chancel Choir

Prelude *The Lone, Wild Bird* - arr. by Robert Lau

Call to Worship (from Psalm 96) Arlene Thomas

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks
and trees, sing!

People: Let us shout out in praise!

Leader: God does great things for us. See God's amazing works
all around us.

People: Great is the Lord!

Leader: Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

People: Let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn #39** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Call to Confession Arlene Thomas

Prayer of Confession (unison):

Arlene Thomas

All: Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kin-dom of God. Give us courage to be kin-dom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Silent Prayer

Choral Response

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Arlene Thomas

Leader: Friends, hear the good news. God loves you. Even in our imperfection, God loves us and won't let us go. Know that you are forgiven and made new, sent forth to love and serve.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)

Prayer for Illumination

Arlene Thomas

Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 96:1-13 Karen Beaton
(This can be found on p. 539 of your pew Bible.)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Word Through Music *You Are Welcome Here* Chancel Choir

Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22 Rev. Deborah Huggins
(This can be found on p. 900 of your pew Bible.)

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Paying Taxes* Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins

***Hymn #708** *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

Choral Call to Prayer *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us; and grant us thy peace.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering Arlene Thomas

Offertory *Everlasting Love* - by Lloyd Larson

***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

Arlene Thomas

***Sending Song # 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response *Go With God*

Postlude *I Then Shall Live* - arr. by Mark Hayes

Thank you for worshipping with us!

*Please rise in body or spirit as you are comfortable.

Music: One License #A-736655

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

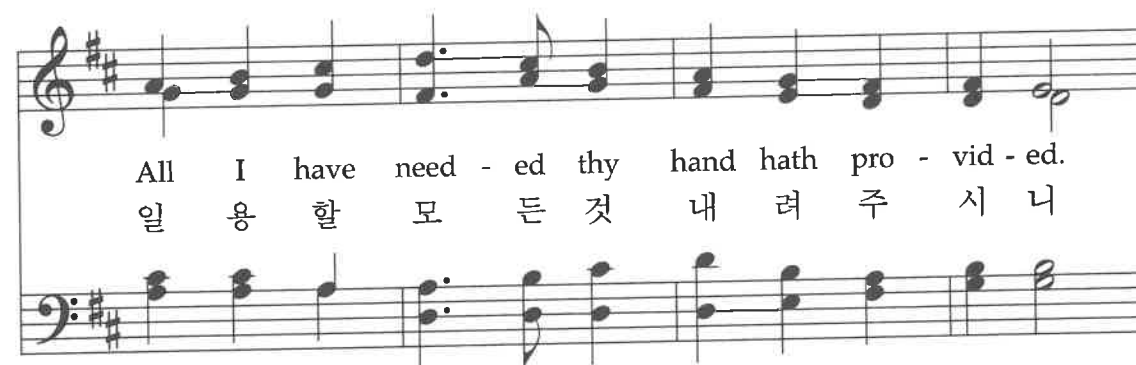
Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주



Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

We Give Thee but Thine Own 708

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

Welcome to Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins

Today's Sermon: Paying Taxes



Next Week's Volunteers:

Liturgist: Karen Beaton

Psalmist: Thom Hinks

Greeters: Denise Baker & Karen Williams

Ushers: Pat Gerlach, Betty Jarous, Joan Roschevitz, Joy Sternberg

Tuesday, Oct 20

9-12pm New Horizon Band Rehearsal

10am Personnel Committee, Pastor's office

5pm Session

7-8pm Al Anon

Wednesday, Oct 21

10am Prayer Chain at the Bambergs

7-8pm Al Anon

Thursday, Oct 22

10am Gentle Exercise

11:30 am Yoga

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 - 9pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Oct 23

10am Helen Pederson's funeral

7pm AA

Saturday, Oct 24

Next week is



Reformation Sunday!

**Don't forget to wear
your plaid!**

Poinsettia Plants



**Deadline:
NEXT Sunday,
Oct. 25th**

**Be sure to get
your order to
Hazel or the
church office.**

Calendar of Weekly Events

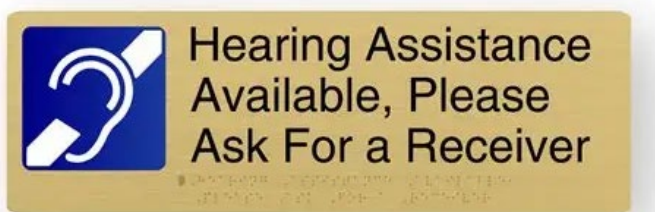
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Stewardship Sunday

9:00am Choir Rehearsal

10:00am Worship

11:15am Fellowship & Refreshments



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- 1) Download the audiofetch app
- 2) Connect to our WiFi:rrpc-guest
pw:whiteC@t20!
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Monday, Oct 19

10am Bible Study with Pastor Deborah, her office

7pm AA



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 25th

12pm-1pm

Bring your animals for a special blessing, free pup cups and ice cream for all! Stuffed animals will get a ride in Brighty Boo! Invite your friends from school. All are welcome!