



**PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS BLESSED US IN THE HEAVENLY  
REALMS WITH EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN CHRIST.**

**- EPHESIANS 1:3 NIV -**

**January 4, 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Russ Dykehouse

**Liturgist:** Hazel Lathrop

**Psalmist:** Dave Shambach

**Communion Servers:** Bill Cox, Betty Gobeille, Craig Kelley, Beth Miller, Ginny O'Neill, Joan Roschevitz

**Greeter:** Victoria Flick

**Ushers:** Victoria Flick, Betty Jarous, Steve Sproul, Ginger Wall

**Flowers:** Given by Virginia Kelley, in memory of her husband, Fred

**Early Morning Security:** Dave Sternberg

**January Sanctuary Stewards:** Ginny O'Neill and Scott Roberts

**Director of Music:** Nancy Leffler

**Accompanist:** Nathan Secrest

# Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

## Gathering Music

- Harp played by Lea Manuel

**Welcome & Announcements**, including prayer concerns

## 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.

## Prelude

**\*Hymn #624**

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

## Call to Confession

Hazel Lathrop

**Prayer of Confession** (unison):

**All: O God, we thank you that you have not treated us as we deserve. You have spoken to us in the words of scripture and through the promptings of Your Spirit. Yet, we are slow to obey your voice. You have shown us the best.**

**You have given us something to do, someone to love and something to look forward to, but we have not fully lived in this joyful promise. Forgive us and put a right spirit within us, we pray in Jesus' name. Hear now our silent prayers.**

## Silent Prayer

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

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

**Prayer for Illumination**

Hazel Lathrop

**Reading from the Hebrew Scripture: Jeremiah 31: 1-3,7-14**

(This can be found on p.719-720, in your pew Bible) Hazel Lathrop

**Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 147: 12-20**

Dave Shambach

(This can be found on p. 571 of your pew Bible.)

**Vocal Solo**

- by Chris Dyer

**Reading from the Gospel of John 1: 1-16**

Hazel Lathrop

(This can be found on p. 966 of your pew Bible.)

**Reading from the Epistle: Ephesians 1: 3-14**

Russ Dykehouse

(This can be found on p. 1064 of your pew Bible.)

**Sermon**

Wonderful Words of Life

Rev. Russ Dykehouse

**Call for the Offering**

Hazel Lathrop

**Offertory**      *It Is No Secret What God Can Do*

- sung by Lea Manuel and Bob Simpson

## **\*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**

Hazel Lathrop

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

## **The Invitation to the Table**

## **\*Communion Hymn #475**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **Pastoral Prayer and singing *The Lord's Prayer***

(located on the back cover of your hymnal)

## **Words of Institution**

## **Sharing Bread and Cup**

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup, taking time to eat and drink as you receive. Those who are not comfortable coming forward will be served by the communion team. Please raise your bulletin so the roving servers can see you. There is a gluten-free alternative available.

## **Prayer after Communion**

**\*Sending Song #269:**      *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

## **Charge and Benediction**

## **Postlude**

**Happy New Year 2026!**  
**Thank you for worshipping with us!**

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\*Please stand as you are comfortable

Music: One License #A-736655

## I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place;  
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;  
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.  
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;  
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

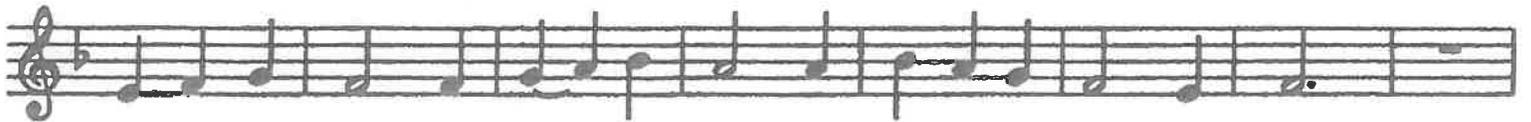
Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

# The Lord's Prayer

Arr. Christy Weir



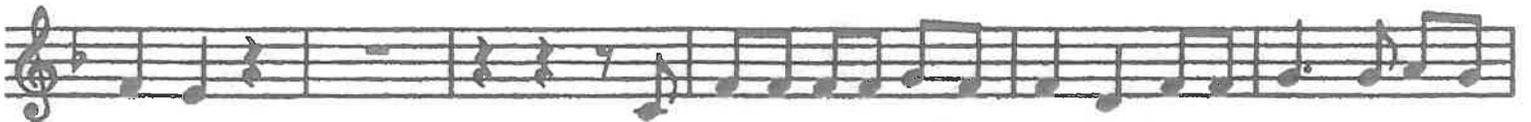
Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name.



Thy king-dom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.



Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for-give us our debts, as we for-give our



debt-ors,

And lead us not in-to temp - ta-tion, but de - liv - er us from



e - vil; for thine is the king-dom, and the pow - er and the glo - ry, for -



ev - er and ev - er, a - men.

For - ev - er and ev - er, A - men.

# 269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,  
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;  
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.  
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.