



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of **LA MESA**

September 13, 2026

5:00p

Prelude

Call to Worship Psalm 99:1–3

Leader: The Lord reigns;
let the peoples tremble!

People: He sits enthroned upon the
cherubim;
let the earth quake!

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let them praise your great and
awesome name!
Holy is he!

Hymnal #347 “The Church's One Foundation”

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;

with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her,
and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor
she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymnal #500 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfil thy law's demands;

could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 99

Q. 99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

**A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer;
but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples,
commonly called the Lord's Prayer.**

Prayer of the Church Elder Vince Ortiz

Hymnal #339 “For Your Gift of God the Spirit”

For your gift of God the Spirit,
pow'r to make our lives anew,
pledge of life and hope of glory,
Savior, we would worship you.
Crowning gift of resurrection
sent from your ascended throne,
fullness of the very Godhead,
come to make your life our own.

He, who in creation's dawning
brooded on the lifeless deep,
still across our nature's darkness
moves to wake our souls from sleep,
moves to stir, to draw, to quicken,
thrusts us through with sense of sin;
brings to birth and seals and fills us -
saving Advocate within.

He, himself the living Author,
wakes to life the sacred Word,
reads with us its holy pages
and reveals our risen Lord.
He it is who works within us,
teaching rebel hearts to pray,
he whose holy intercessions
rise for us both night and day.

He, the mighty God, in-dwells us;
his to strengthen, help, empow'r;
his to overcome the tempter,
ours to call in danger's hour.
In his strength we dare to battle
all the raging hosts of sin,
and by him alone we conquer
foes without and foes within.

Father, grant your Holy Spirit
in our hearts may rule today,
grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered,
work in us his sovereign way.
Fill us with your holy fullness,
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
in us, through us, then, forever,
shall your perfect will be done.

God's Word Read Psalm 29:1-11

God's Word Preached "Ascribe Glory to the LORD!" by Assistant Pastor Jim Megchelsen

Psalm 4:7-8 "Answer When I Call"

You have given my heart greater joy by far
Than when grain and new wine most
abundant are.
So in peace I lie down; I will rest and sleep,
For, O LORD, You only will me safely keep.

The Benediction

Postlude