



The Last Words of Christ on the Cross
March 12, 2023



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montrose, CO

WELCOME

*We are people called together by Christ to celebrate God in worship,
grow together through discipleship and bring others to Christ.*

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9:30 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

MEDITATION

"Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.~ John 19:25-27

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(by Beth Merrill Neel)

Leader: People of God: Welcome!

All: **Welcome to this place of love and grace,**

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

All: **God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,**

*Rise if you are able.

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Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

**All: We are welcomed, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.
In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God!**

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

How Deep the Father's Love

The Old Rugged Cross

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(by Beth Merrill Neel)

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: Hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, sisters, and brothers, hear this good news and see the grace of God: You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One ancient and significant gesture in worship is the passing of the peace. Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains our hearts, hands, and voices in the ways of peace. At these times, we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors, grasp their hands, and speak the words, "The peace of the Lord be with you," and receive the words in turn, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity. (Col. 1:20-21).

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OFFERING

Please consider tithing during this part of the service. You can also tithe electronically by going to the "Give" tab on our website.

SERMON TEXT

John 19: 23-27

MESSAGE

"The Last Words of Christ on the Cross" - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING*

Lead on O King Eternal

LIFE IN THE BODY

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Life in the Body

- Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to have you here with us today. If you would like to be contacted by one of our deacons or to be put on our digital communications list, please fill out one of our welcome cards, which can be found either in the seat pocket in front of you or out in the foyer.
- Andrew Atkinson's Memorial Service will be held at Celebration Church on Mar. 11 at 3:00 p.m.
- We hope you can join us on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for soup and a time of Lenten Introspection.
- Don't forget our monthly Potluck next Sunday, Mar. 19. Bring a dish to share.
- If you want to learn more about our church, you can visit our website at: <https://fpcmontrose.com>.
- To find out what is happening in the life of our church, an event calendar and weekly newsletter (Announcements) are available on the table in the foyer.

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