



**The Last Words of Christ on the Cross**  
**April 2, 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.*

April 2, 2023

9:30 a.m.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

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### **Meditation**

Most of Jesus' disciples had fled, unable to bear what was unfolding. They missed what the centurion witnessed – Jesus' acceptance and surrender to God.

*~Sacred Space*

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### **PRELUDE MUSIC**

### **WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

### **THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP\***

*(Jeremiah 31: 7-14)*

Leader: *Sing praise to God, who gathers us here.*

All: *From the ends of the earth, we come.*

Leader: *With a word of promise, a spring of water,*

All: *a loaf of bread, and a cup of wine,*

Leader: *God turns our sadness into dancing,*

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\*Rise if you are able.

Nursery is available during the service for ages 0-3rd grade.

***All: and our sorrow into joy. We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Let us worship God together!***

**SONGS OF WORSHIP\***

*The Old Rugged Cross*

*The Wonderful Cross*

(Please be seated)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*(In Unison – Feasting on the Word)*

**Holy God, we confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are dismayed by the hurt we cause —to you, ourselves, and others. Open the gates of our forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*(Isaiah 50: 7-9)*

The Lord God helps us; we will not be disgraced. The Lord God helps us; who can declare us guilty? Sisters and brothers, beyond the shadow of doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together forgiven and free.

**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 seats, 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).

**DEACON SUNDAY UPDATE**

**OFFERING**

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded* - Stetson Family

The first Sunday of the month is Deacon Sunday. Please consider giving a special donation using the provided envelope or by going to the "Give" tab on our website.

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## **SERMON TEXT**

Luke 23: 44-49

## **MESSAGE**

*"Last Words of Christ on the Cross"* – Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*(In Unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **COMMUNION**

## **SONG OF SENDING\***

*Were You There*

## **LIFE IN THE BODY**

## **BLESSING AND BENEDICTION\***

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### **Life in the Body (Announcements)**

- 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.
- 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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