



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 23, 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 23, 2023

9:30 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER JOHN 21: 1-19

MEDITATION

It was a long night for Jesus' followers, a fishing expedition with no fish. At dawn Jesus appeared on the beach, but they did not know it was he. He showed them where to catch fish and then he cooked some and took bread and fish and gave it to them—and then they knew. After breakfast Peter received a lesson on obedience: to love Jesus will mean caring for the sheep and tending the flock. The test of love is faithful service.

~James Kirk, *When We Gather*

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(Ministry Matters)

Leader: Christ asked Peter if he loved him.

All: Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.

Leader: Christ asks us if we love him.

*Rise if you are able.

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All: We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship.

Leader: Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.

All: Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways in which we care for others.
Amen.

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

Everlasting God

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(In Unison—*Calvin Institute of Worship*)

Almighty God, you have accepted our Lord's sacrifice for our salvation. By your power you have raised Jesus from the dead. We humbly confess that, while we know the story and believe it, it often has made too little difference in our lives, and at times we have been silent when we should have spoken of it. Forgive us, we pray, of these sins. Enable us today to reflect more deeply on the sacred story, that our obedience may be increased, that our service may be more joyful, and our testimony may be more courageous. Hear us in the name of our risen Savior. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

My sisters and brothers, God is not done with us. You are more beloved than you can ever know, and God is working in you and in the world beyond our wildest imagining. The beginning of all that is forgiveness. So, know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that marks our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains our hearts, hands, and voices in the ways of peace. Admittedly, this action seems momentary and may feel unfamiliar and awkward. However, The verbal exchange of "Peace be with you" and the reply of "And also with you" invites us to move beyond ourselves—our interests, our concerns—and create a Christ-like community with others. It is the practicing of this communal way of life infused by Christ's peace that makes this gesture so significant.

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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 21: 1-19

MESSAGE

"*Jesus Cooks But Serves Much More*" - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING*

Come People Of The Risen King

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.
- If you feel led, we would appreciate your help reaching our goal of adding \$75,000 to our *Alms for Asphalt* project. Anyone wishing to contribute can make their check out to FPC with "capital improvement" on the memo line.
- 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.
- If you want to learn more about our church, you can visit our website at: <https://fpcmontrose.com>.

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