



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 30, 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 30, 2023

9:30 a.m.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JOHN 10: 1-21

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### MEDITATION

Jesus teaches his disciples what it means to be shepherd and sheep. Hearing his voice, they will follow. Trusting in him, they will be led to new pastures. Obeying him, they will be less prone to fight, even finding themselves abundantly sustained. With Jesus as the door, entrance into the faith is prepared. Do not flee from the quest, for the promise remains firm.

~James Kirk, *When We Gather*

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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\*

*(Based on Psalm 100)*

Leader: Shout with joy to the Lord! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy! Know that the Lord is God!

All: He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

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\*Rise if you are able.

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Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

All: **For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.**

### **SONGS OF WORSHIP\***

*Come, Now Is The Time To Worship*

*We Have Come Into His House*

(Please be seated)

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*(Ministry Matters)*

**Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our own best interest, and we ignore the voice of the one Shepherd who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost. Help us stop and listen to the Shepherd's voice. Let us place our trust in the Shepherd who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. Forgive us our stubbornness and waywardness. For we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.**

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*(re: Worship)*

Sisters and brothers, our Lord Jesus Christ personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed! Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have returned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls. Thanks be to God!

### **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 10: 1-21

## MESSAGE

"*The Good Shepherd*" - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

## SONG OF SENDING\*

*Savior, Like A Shepherd, Lead Us*

## LIFE IN THE BODY

## BLESSING AND BENEDICTION\*

## POSTLUDE

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### 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.
- Would you be interested in helping organize a summer tea? If so, please contact Lexy at [lexylady6@gmail.com](mailto:lexylady6@gmail.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.
- If you want to learn more about our church, you can visit our website at: <https://fpcmontrose.com>.

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