

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 14, 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.*

May 14, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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JOHN 14: 15-27

MEDITATION

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything that I have said to you. ~ *John 14: 26*

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(In Unison—re: Worship)

Jesus promised: God will give us another advocate to help us and be with us forever. This advocate is the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept as they do not see or know him, but we know him. The Spirit lives with and within us. Jesus promised: I will not leave you as orphans. Let us worship God—God the Father, God the Son, and God Holy Spirit!

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

All Creatures Of Our God And King

*Rise if you are able.

Childcare is available during the service for ages 0 - 5 yrs..

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(In Unison)

Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone. We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt. And when you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries, we begin to doubt that you even care or exist. Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction. Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed our lives. Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and so arrogant in our demands of your responses. Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even in the midst of doubt and darkness, the light of God is shining in you, on you, and through you. Out of God's great love, you have been redeemed and made whole.

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.

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 14: 15-27

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MESSAGE

"*The Promise of the Holy Spirit*" - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING*

Morning Has Broken

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 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.
- We hope you can join us on May 21st for our LAST Potluck of the Season! Come enjoy some good food and lively conversations. If you are able, please bring a dish or dessert to share.
- Come celebrate spring by creating a beautiful print of a nest while supporting The Friends of Ukraine! Construct a bird's nest with natural materials on a gelli plate for this one-of-a-kind masterpiece in the printmaking process. The suggested donation is \$25. Materials are provided, but please be sure to bring an apron or a big shirt. You can sign up on the table near the entryway.
- 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 ladies' & girls' summer tea? If so, please contact Lexy at 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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