

The Way
The
Truth
The Life

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 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.

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JOHN 14: 1-14

Meditation

The gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, as 'the way, truth and life'. The Christian center is the person of Christ. Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life may be, flow from this. This center always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship. We are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as just one of a group.

~Sacred Space

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(Beth Merrill Neel)

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

All: We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

*Rise if you are able.

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

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

All: A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.

Leader: Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

All: The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many. Let us worship God together!

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

Here I Am To Worship

10,000 Reasons

(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 your 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

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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DEACON SUNDAY UPDATE

OFFERING

Bach Minuet for Children - Hannah Stetson

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.

SERMON TEXT

John 14: 1-14

MESSAGE

"Centeredness: The Rx for Troubled Hearts" – 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*

Amazing Grace

LIFE IN THE BODY

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION*

Life in the Body (Announcements)

- 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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