



**EXQUISITE PAIRINGS OF HEAVEN AND
EARTH IN THE PSALMS**

July 9, 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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Psalm 42-43

MEDITATION

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God;
for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. ~ *Psalm 42: 5*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

"Be still and know that I am God." - *Psalm 46:10*

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(Heather Moody, re: Worship)

Leader: Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

All: We come in search of help and hope.

Leader: Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

All: We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

Leader: Come, you who are in need of good news.

*Rise if you are able.

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All: We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

Leader: Come and find refuge in God your rock.

All: Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(In Unison-Ministry Matters)

Lord of the ages, in our busy lives, we do not always make time to love, to pray, or to sing your praises. Forgetting what we cannot see, we ask, "Why have you forgotten me?" Help us trust your presence, even when we feel utterly alone, trapped in our dark night of the soul. Forgive us for inattentiveness to you and to our fellow human beings. With the promise of Christ as our hope, lead us from our own wilderness wanderings into the well-tended garden of your love.

(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

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

Psalm 42-43 (NIV)

MESSAGE

"Spirit-Hewn Hope" - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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SONG OF SENDING*

LIFE IN THE BODY

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Please stay and enjoy coffee and snacks with us in the fellowship hall.

Life in the Body

- Laura Perfors will be out of the office on vacation with extended family until July 12. The office will still be open Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and a volunteer will be present to help with any needs that may arise during her absence.
- Reserve your spot for our summer Ladies and Little Ladies' Tea on July 15. Registration is out at the table in the foyer.
- Fred and Karla are looking for another person (or two) to learn the computer program for Sunday morning. It requires about an hour of set-up time during the week, and you get to join the worship teams for rehearsal on Thursday evening. Please let the front office know if you are interested or would like more information.
- If you feel led, please help your church to reach the goal of adding \$75,000 to the Alms for Asphalt project. To contribute, you can make your 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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