



**THE SUMMER OF ROCK-AMAZING BIBLE
STORIES INVOLVING ROCKS**

August 13, 2023



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montrose, CO

*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 8: 1-11

Whoever you are and wherever your life's journey has taken you, you are welcomed here. We hope that you will find FPC to be a people of warmth, acceptance, and commitment to the calling of Jesus Christ. We are honored to have you worship with us.

MEDITATION

Jesus dismantled both legalism and injustice with her mercy. His parting words to this woman, "Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more." The mercy of God is not an excuse to sin but is a recognition that when we do, we can look to Christ to forgive and cover our guilt. ~ *David Frederick*

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

OPENING PRAYER

*Rise if you are able.

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CALL TO WORSHIP*

(Joan Stott, re: Worship)

Leader: Healing God, we come together in our brokenness to call to you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

All: Wholeness-giving God, listen to our prayers, we pray.

Leader: Restoring God, we gather to worship you, even as we hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

All: God, our Quiet-Centre, listen to our prayers this day.

Leader: Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you! In the depths of your Holy Being, we find peace and rest.

All: God – our Beginning and our End, we hope always in you. Amen.

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

When It's All Been Said And Done

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(In Unison - MDPC, Houston TX)

Loving God, we want our lives to reveal your grace to others. And yet, we often neglect to give attention to adequate study of your word. We confess the sin of relying on our own understanding. Forgive us, Lord. Give us, we pray, a Spirit-filled knowledge of the truth of your holy scriptures. Open our hearts to your generous nature so that we may give from the abundance of your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray, 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 a doubt, your sins are forgiven. By the mercy of Christ, let us stand together, forgiven and free.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please be seated)

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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 8: 1-11

MESSAGE

Grace Rocks! - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING*

Change My Heart Oh God

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

- The East Parking Lot project is progressing day by day. If it looks like construction work is taking place, please park and enter on the west side of the building, as dump trucks may be driving back and forth through the lot. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility in this matter.
- **Mark your calendars!** Come **Sunday, Sep. 17**, to an outside *Fall Kick-off & BBQ* rebooting the church potlucks, adult education classes, and more.
- 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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