



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

**August 20, 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.

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

1 Peter 2: 4-17

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.

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### **MEDITATION**

If we can embrace the new identity God has brought to us, we will feel our exile status. We are a new nation, a holy nation, unlike any other. We are a priesthood, sent as God's priests to bring a world of lost people to God. We are God's own special possession, made to proclaim the excellencies of the One who called us out of darkness. That makes us exiles! What an honor. ~ *Berry Kercheville*

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### **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**

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\*Rise if you are able.

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## **CALL TO WORSHIP\***

*(Christine Longhurst, Re: Worship)*

Leader: Let us gather, people of God!

All: Let us sing the praises of the One who has called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light!

Leader: For once, we were not a people at all, but now we are God's people!

All: For we are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation.

Leader: For we are God's very own family!

All: Let us proclaim together the goodness of God. Let us worship God!

## **SONGS OF WORSHIP\***

*Great Are You, Lord*

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*(Please be seated)*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*(In Unison - MDPC, Houston TX)*

Gracious God, you have called us out of darkness and into the light of your love. You have redeemed us and made us whole in order to set us free from bondage. The challenge you place before us is to die to self, surrender our wills, and serve sacrificially. But we cling to our sinful humanity and to the trappings of this temporal life. Forgive us for being stubborn, selfish, and sinful. Set us free to embrace the values of your kingdom, transform our hearts to long for you, and empower us to live courageously as your children. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

1 John 1: 9 says that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING**

Please consider tithing during this part of the service. You can also tithe electronically by going to the "Give" tab on our website.

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## SERMON TEXT

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## MESSAGE

*The Living Rock, A Chosen People* - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

### SONG OF SENDING\*

*Be Thou My Vision*

### LIFE IN THE BODY

### BLESSING AND BENEDICTION\*

### POSTLUDE

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

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### LIFE IN THE BODY

- The East Parking Lot project is progressing day by day. If 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 past the front entrance. Thank you for understanding.
- **Mark your calendars!** Come **Sunday, Sep. 17**, to an outside *Fall Kick-off & BBQ* rebooting the church potlucks, adult education classes, and more.
- The Sonshine Patch is having their Back to School Night soon. Anyone interested in providing homemade or store-bought cookies for this event can drop them off in the BOB kitchen (the refrigerator is available) by Thursday, Aug. 31. They would also greatly welcome any donations to the Scholarship Program, which helps offer low-income and struggling families an option for preschool.
- The SSP Board and staff would like to invite you to their Prayer Day, Sunday, Aug. 27, at 1:00 p.m., when they will pray over the coming school year as well as lift up all of their praises and requests, in honor, to our Heavenly Father.
- If you want to learn more about our church, you can visit our website at:  
<https://fpcmontrose.com>.

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