



Shadow of man carrying cross

The Way of the Cross
September 3, 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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Matthew 16: 21-28

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

The economy of the kingdom may seem topsy-turvy to some. Something that is saved is claimed to be lost. What is forfeited on behalf of another is said to be found. What is given freely is said to be more credible than that which is earned. What is stored for tomorrow may be consumed overnight. Indeed, to follow Christ does tend to change perceptions.

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*

(based on *Psalms 105*)

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, and call on your name.

All: We will make known your deeds among the peoples, sing you our praises, and tell of all your wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Praise the Lord! Let us worship God!

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

Here I am to Worship

10,000 Reasons

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(In Unison)

There are far too many times, O Lord when we have neglected or ignored the needs of others because it just wasn't convenient for us to help. We backed away with excuses on our lips and indifference in our hearts. Forgive us and set us on the right path of service and compassion in the name of Jesus, who modeled faithful living for us. Remind us that we are residents of a global community. Help us to hear the plight of those who have been voiceless. With the gifts that we have and the love of Christ, direct our lives in compassionate service to others. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the abundance of God's mercy and forgiving love, you are empowered to be disciples, to reach out to others, and to offer the words and deeds of hope in a struggling world. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please be seated)

DEACON SUNDAY UPDATE

OFFERING

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.

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SERMON TEXT

Matthew 16: 21-28

MESSAGE

The Way of the Cross - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

APOSTLES' CREED

(In Unison)

COMMUNION

SONG OF SENDING*

Amazing Grace

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 Parking Lot is done! Thank you again to everyone for baring through this whole process and especially to Dave Baldwin, who ensured that things were getting done and done well.
- **Mark your calendars!** Come **Sunday, Sep. 17**, to an outside *Fall Kick-off & BBQ* rebooting the church potlucks, new members class, and more.
- Sonshine Patch will start soon, and they would greatly appreciate donations to their scholarship fund to help low-income & struggling families have an alternative schooling option for their children.
- Please help Sharing Ministries provide for those who are struggling in our town. This month, we will be holding a toilet paper and paper towel drive for them as that is an area for which they typically do not get donations and of which they are in desperate need.
- 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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