



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

March 19, 2023



The Symbolism of today's Lenten flower arrangement is the beauty of the rose amid the cruel thorns that suggests the triumph of the Resurrection.

March 19, 2023 – 4th Sunday in Lent

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.

PRELUDE	"Lamb of God, We Fall Before Thee"	Henry Markworth
	"By Thy Cross, O Christ, and Passion"	Paul Manz
		Organist, Larry Gillum

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist, Sue Yowell

Liturgist: God is our guide and our companion, supplying us with all our need.

People: God refreshes us beside still waters and restores our souls.

Liturgist: Worship God with glad and generous hearts.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.

Liturgist: And God will always keep us in the goodness of God's love.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 387** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) The Rev. Chris Davis

God our Great Shepherd: it is easy for us to lose sight of your kingdom, and your way for us. We hope that love conquers hate, that light shines in our shadows, that life is stronger than death — yet our lips are filled with bitter words, our lives are weak and shallow, the shadowed corners of the world beckon to us. Have mercy on us and lead us to the still waters of your grace and the healing garden of your heart, Gracious God.

Restore our sight to see you living among us, restore our hope that we might trust you, restore our speech so that we might praise you for your great gift to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES *1 Samuel 16:1-13*

**Please stand if you are able.*

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

“Assurance”

arr. Beck
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

MESSAGE

The Rev. Chris Davis

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

***CONFESSION OF FAITH (Unison)**

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

Helmut Walcha

*Doxology (Hymnal # 592)

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The congregation responds, “hear our prayer”
following each petition which concludes, “God, in your grace...”*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 172** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

Joseph Prentiss

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, March 20

- 9:30 am — Pastor Nominating Committee
- 11:00 am — Presbyterian Women's Circle
- 4:00 pm — Sign Choir
- 6:30 pm — Session

Tuesday, March 21: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Wednesday, March 22

- 4:00 pm — Joyful Bells

Thursday, March 23

- 10:00 am — Staff Meeting
- 4:00 pm — Chancel Bells
- 6:30 pm — Chancel Choir

Friday, March 24

- 9:30 am — Merry Marthas

Sunday, March 26

- 8:15 am — Adult Sunday School
- 8:30 am — Journeys Class (Zoom and In-Person)
- 10:00 am — Worship (Livestream available)

Church Staff

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Note: The calendar includes all known church events at time of printing.

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Foundation Committee.



PW Circle will meet tomorrow, March 20, for Lesson 7 in the Bible study book, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. We will meet both in person in the church library and on Zoom (link listed in church newsletter). Bonnie Vanderveen will lead the discussion of "Sabbath and Self-Care." We gather at 11:30 a.m. and the lesson begins at 12 noon. We hope you can join us.

The Self-Development of People is a ministry that affirms God's concern for humankind and is supported by the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This program enters into partnerships with community groups of low-income people that want to change their lives and communities. They work to promote justice, build stronger communities and seek economic equity.

The Palm Sunday Celebration will be held on April 2 immediately after worship. Come enjoy fellowship as we look forward to Easter! Ham, rolls and potatoes will be provided; please bring a dish to share according to your last name.
A-H: Vegetable Dish. I-Q: Salad. R-Z: Dessert.



If you have prayer requests you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Chris at pastor@pccrusa.org, or call 414-690-4488 (cell) or 970-586-4404 (church).