



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

March 26, 2023



The Symbolism of today's Lenten flower arrangement is the holly which represents passion, the Dutch iris represents sorrow, and the violets represent penitence.

March 26, 2023 – 5th 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 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

David Cherwien
Organist, Larry Gillum

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Jan Boatman

Liturgist: God's spirit is moving among us: give thanks! Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

People: How good it is to be chosen by God; we gather to sing our praises and thanks.

Liturgist: God has done great things for us; we are glad! Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

People: We are waiting to hear what God would have us do; we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.

Liturgist: Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water. Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

People: Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future; we press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 84** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

The Rev. Chris Davis

Like the disciples, Holy One, we drag our feet when it comes to following you. You would have us face conflict, and we prefer to look the other way. You would lead us into those hopeless valleys where so many of your children live, and we would build homes on the mountaintops. You would bring us into peace and reconciliation, but we would stay entombed in our troubles and fears.

Forgive us, Creator of new lives. As Lazarus was brought forth from the grave, unbind every worry which keeps us from living as your children. As the Spirit lead Jesus from the tomb into the joy of the Resurrection, fill us with the power to walk in the light of this hope. As Jesus offers us the life and resurrection we need, help us to believe the good news which comes from our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Ezekiel 37:1-14

JOYFUL BELLS ANTHEM

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

-Krug

Director, Patti Dolezal

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

MESSAGE

The Rev. Chris Davis

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

*CONFESSION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Robert Elmore

*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. 332 "Live Into Hope"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Hymntune: Hyfrydol (144)

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, March 27

9:30 am—Membership and Hospitality

9:30 am — Pastor Nominating Committee

4:00 pm—Sign Choir

Wednesday, March 29

4:00 pm — Joyful Bells

Thursday, March 30

4:00 pm — Chancel Bells

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday

8:15 am—Adult Sunday School

8:30 am—Journeys Class (Zoom and In-Person)

10:00 am— Worship (Livestream available)

11:00 am— Palm Sunday Celebration



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 Deacons.

Next Sunday we will be collecting the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering. Please review the bulletin insert for more information about this important offering. There are envelopes in the pews that can be used for the offering.



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)**.



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