



April 14, 2024

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

*"Every human interaction offers you the chance to make things better or to make things worse."  
—Barbara Brown Taylor*

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### 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** "See the Morning Sun Ascending" Hymntune: *Unser Herrscher*  
Organist, Larry Gillum

### CHORAL INTROIT

**WELCOME** The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 96) Liturgist, Tami Scace  
Sing to the Lord a new Song!  
**Sing to the Lord all the Earth!**  
Sing praises to the Lord!  
**Let the Heavens rejoice!**  
Let the field be jubilant!  
**And let us all sing for joy in worship and praise!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 458** "Earth and All Stars" DEXTER

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, we pray today confessing the ways that we have misunderstood you, the world and one another. As people we often assume that we can fix everything, but then we later learn that our fixes sometimes lead to bigger problems. Our patterns of consumption have led to pollution and scarcity. Our overuse of natural resources has led to deforestation, reduced habitats for animal species and climate change. God, forgive us and help us to find solutions that honor your creation and bring healing to our planet.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** *Genesis 1:26-2:4, NRSV*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



<b>CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM</b>	<i>"Oceans of Light"</i>	Cooman Director, Rich Dixon
<b>A READING FROM THE GOSPEL</b>	<i>John 10:11-18, NRSV</i>	
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<i>"Caring for the Earth"</i>	The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey
<b>MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 434</b>	<i>"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"</i>	KINGSFOLD
<b>MINUTE FOR MISSION</b>		Bonnie Vanderveen
<b>OFFERING OUR GIFTS</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>"For the Fruit of All Creation, Thanks Be To God"</i>	Welsh Hymntune: <i>Ar Hyd Y Nos</i>
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>		(Hymnal # 592)
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
<b>PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)</b>	Loving God, today in these gifts from our hearts we give thanks for this opportunity to serve you and your mission of love. We pray that these gifts will help people in need, provide sustaining resources that replenish our planet and celebrate the life of all of creation. This is our prayer. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.	
<b>JOYS AND CONCERNS</b>		
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>	<i>The congregation responds, "<u>hear our prayer</u>" following each petition which concludes, "God, in your grace..."</i>	
<b>THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)</b>	<i>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.</i>	
<b>LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY</b>	<i>(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!)</i>	
<b>*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 473</b>	<i>"For the Beauty of the Earth"</i>	DIX
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*CHORAL RESPONSE</b>	<i>(Please remain standing)</i>	
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>"God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea"</i>	Hymntune: <i>Germany, from Gardiner's Sacred Melodies 1815</i>

## The Week Ahead

**Monday, April 15**

11:00 am—Presbyterian Women

6:30 pm—Session

**Tuesday, April 16: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

4:30 pm—Stephen Ministers

**Wednesday, April 17**

12:00 pm—Bible Study

4:00 pm—Joyful Bells

**Thursday, April 18**

11:30 am—Staff Lunch Meeting

3:00 pm—Columbarium Committee

4:00 pm—Chancel Bells

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

**Saturday, April 20**

9:00 am—Card-Making Group

10:00 am—Creation Care: **Why Insects Matter** by  
Robert Hancock

**Sunday, April 21**

8:15 am—Adult Bible Study

8:30 am—Journeys (Online and in-person)

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

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## **Announcements**

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**Greeters this morning** are Brian and Carol Rood.

**Fellowship Time**—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Chancel Bells. **“Just Coffee”** is for sale in the Narthex today, thanks to the Mission and Outreach Committee. For \$12 you may purchase ground or beans, regular, decaf, or half and half. Porch delivery is always available. If you would like to try it first, it is being served in the Fellowship Hall today!

**Creation Care**—on Saturday, April 20 at 10 am, Dr. Robert Hancock will be presenting on “Bugology 101: Why Insects Matter.” Robert is Pastor Christine’s brother and a professor of biology at Metropolitan State University of Denver. These talks are open to the community. Please join us and bring a friend!

**The PW Bible study** will meet tomorrow, April 15, in the church library for Lesson 8 in the Horizons Bible study book. Mary Zollman will lead the discussion on “Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship.” We will gather at 11:30 a.m. and the lesson will begin at 12 noon. The Bible study is open to all women of the church. We hope you can join us.

Today we celebrate the **PW Birthday offering**, which will help improve the lives of the individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities in Marthasville, Missouri and women and children with food insecurities in Louisville, Kentucky. The Birthday offering has been an annual tradition since 1922 and has funded over 200 major projects. Let us follow Genesis 50:21 where Joseph offered comfort to his family, “So have no fear: I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” No matter what our age, we can celebrate our birthdays by sharing our gifts with those in need. Yellow Birthday Offering envelopes are available in the pew holders or you can donate online.

**Crossroads Ministry** is a Christian service agency helping Estes Valley residents in need, including the temporarily unemployed who receive short-term assistance, and the working poor or persons with low fixed incomes who receive ongoing services. Crossroads Ministry partners with numerous other agencies by providing food, temporary housing assistance, Meals on Wheels and more, as well as assisting with self-sufficiency through educational opportunities and referrals to additional resources.

At Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, our Mission and Outreach Committee will be collecting food and toiletry donations each month for Crossroads Ministry to benefit those in need.

The Grocery Cart will next be in the Narthex for donations on **Sunday, April 21**. This month, they are asking for **canned soup, canned beans and canned fruit**. Thank you!