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Witness to the Resurrection



Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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Prelude:

**"Come Down, O Love Divine" & "Partita on
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" by Paul Manz**

Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies

Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

Assisted by: Rev. Chris Davis, David E. Nelson, D. Min.
Mike Davis, Mercedes Roesch

Ushers: (PCCR) Jack and Jan Boatman, (SMLC) Mike Wold, Randy Huber

Communion Assistants: (SMLC) Roxy Hause, Mercedes Roesch

Organist: Jill Hunt Choir Director: Rich Dixon Accompanist: Verlene Thorp

Bruce David Brackman

A Celebration of Life

Introduction

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Thanks be to God.

Remembrance of Baptism

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



Welcome - *Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Bruce. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



(Please stand, whether in body or spirit)

Opening Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" Hymn 836 ELW



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

(Please be seated)

Reflections - Mike Davis

Choir Anthem: "E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come" by Paul Manz

Reading - Mercedes Roesch

"Surrender" by Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Take all my freedom, my liberty, my will. All that I have, You have given to me. I offer it up to You. I surrender it all to Jesus. I surrender it all to God's will. I surrender it all for the Kingdom of God. I surrender my life, my all. Your grace and Your love are wealth enough for me. Grant me these Lord Jesus and I'll ask for nothing more.

I surrender it all to Jesus.

I surrender it all to God's will.

I surrender it all for the Kingdom of God.

I surrender my life, my all.

(Please stand, whether in body or spirit)

Gospel Reading - Rev. Chris Davis

John 15:12-17

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

(Please be seated)

Psalm - David E. Nelson, D. Min.

Psalm 42

¹As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

³My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

⁴These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the
house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help ⁶and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.

⁷Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

⁸By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy
oppresses me?"

¹⁰As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

¹¹Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Message - "Dawn Without Darkness" *David E. Nelson, D. Min.*

Choir Anthem: "O God Beyond All Praising" by Dan Forrest

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Intercessory Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Each petition ends: "God of Mercy,"

Response is "Hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise to you, Eternal God.

You created all things in your wisdom, and sustain them by your power. You made us in your image, forming us from the dust of the earth, and breathing into us the breath of life, that we might know you and love you.

When we rebelled against you, you did not turn away, but made an everlasting covenant with us, promising to always be faithful.

You sent prophets to guide us and then, when the time was right, you gave your only Son that we might have eternal life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Eucharistic Prayer

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in His name, that we may be one in ministry in every place.

Remember our brother, Bruce, whose baptism is now complete in death. Bring him and all who have died in the peace of Christ, into your eternal joy and light. Strengthen us to run with determination the race that lies before us, our eyes fixed on Jesus on whom our faith depends, so that when this mortal life is ended, we may receive, with all your saints, the unfading crown of glory.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

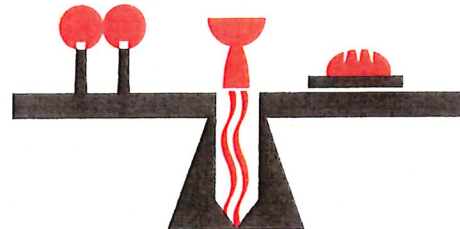
Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*We are all guests at God's table. Everyone is invited to receive communion.
We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.
The ushers will direct you forward.*



Communion Hymn: "All Creatures, Worship God Most High" Hymn 835, ELW



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. composite
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, thank you for your great love by which you feed us, strengthen us, and comfort us. You have given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet and renewed our hope in your everlasting reign, where there is no more crying, but only joy, in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

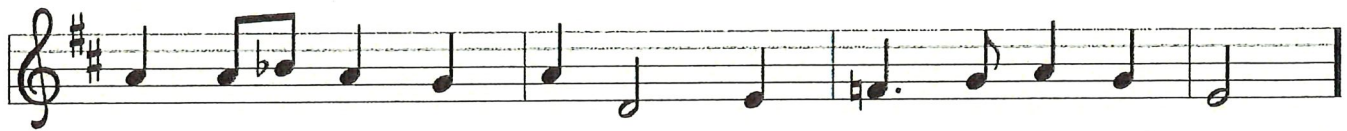
(Please stand, whether in body or spirit)



Closing Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings" Hymn 787 ELW



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.

Final refrain

All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957
Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

Commendation

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Bruce.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb
of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.

Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of
everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.

"Anima Christi" (the Soul of Christ) - Mercedes Roesch

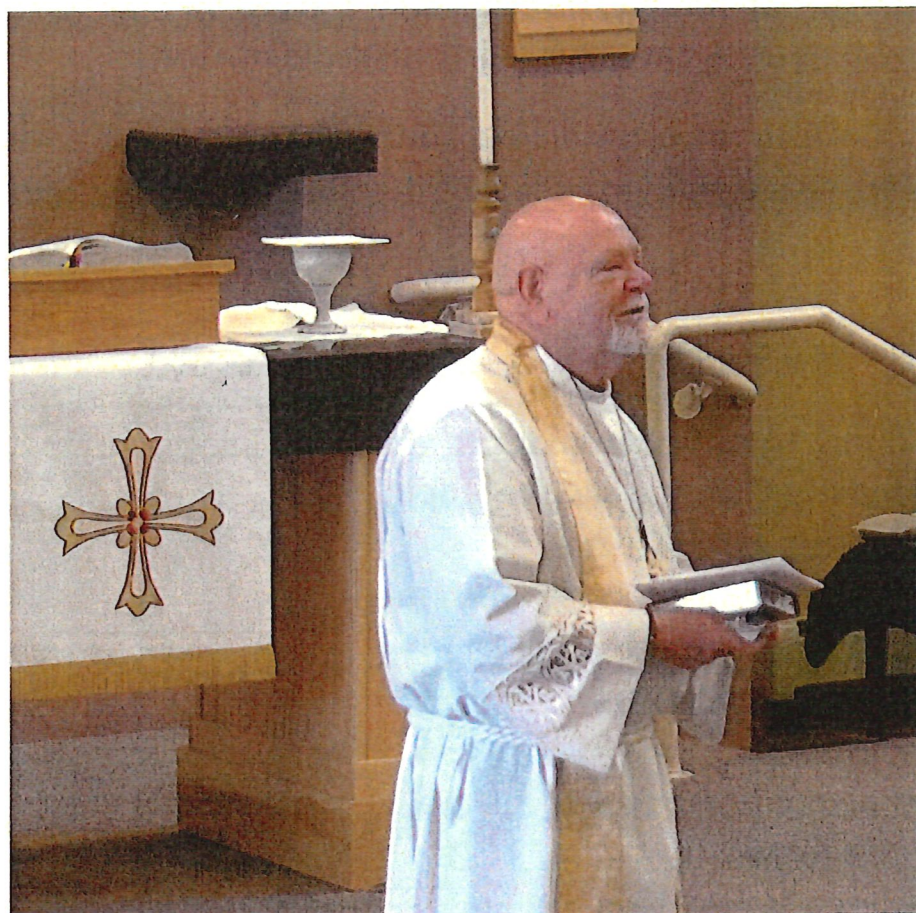
Soul of Christ, sanctify my soul.
Broken body of Christ, make me whole.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
Within Your wounds I hide,
Never to leave.
And at the hour of my death, call me,
And bid me come,
With your saints I will rest.
Soul of Christ, sanctify my soul,
Broken body of Christ, make me whole.
I may praise you forever and ever.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, remain with you always. **Amen**

Postlude: "For All the Saints" by Wilbur Held

Everyone is invited to gather for a reception at Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, 2000 Ptarmigan Trail, immediately following the service.



"You may be the only Bible someone will ever read."

*"How did you experience the Holy this week
in unexpected ways?"*

Today's service will be livestreamed and recorded.

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