



Responding in Hope

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

"Hope has nothing to do with optimism. Its opposite is not pessimism but despair. And if Jesus never allowed his to be cornered into despair, clearly we Christians shouldn't either."

— William Sloane Coffin

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 Fanfare Prelude on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" James Southbridge
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 118) Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let us give thanks to the Lord!

Open the gates of righteousness for us.

Let us enter and give thanks to the Lord.

You are our God and we will give thanks to you,

For your steadfast love endures forever!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 197** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, your hope for us is never done, but we confess that we have failed to live as your disciples. Even though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. We do not love you fully. We do not serve you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We do not reach out to others to heal their wounds. Forgive us and let our faith in you guide our words and actions. O God, create in us a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit within us.

Silent Prayer of Confession

O God, create in us a clean heart,
and put a new and right spirit within us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

I Come with Joy **515**

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
F B \flat C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

The musical score is written on three staves in a 6/8 time signature. The first staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, B-flat, C, F, and Dm. The piece ends with a double bar line.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

JOYFUL BELLS

“The Power of God”

Howard F. Starks
Kathye Osborne, flute
Director, Patti Dolezal

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 50:4-9, NRSV (servant song)

CHANCEL CHOIR

“The Holy City”

arr. David Nino
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40, NRSV

MESSAGE

“Responding in Hope”

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 208 “O Blest Are They Who in Their Love”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

from the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world disclosed that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Karen Daugherty

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"So Lowly Doth the Savior Ride"

Hymntune: Epworth Church-Gillum

***DOXOLOGY**

(Hymnal # 606)

*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.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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. 223**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

(please remain standing)

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Alexandre Guilmant

**Please stand if you are able.*

The Week Ahead

Monday, April 14

- 8:30am Estes Nonprofit Network
- 9:30am Finance Committee
- 3:00pm Lenten Psalm Study
- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, April 15

- 12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 12:00pm PEO Chapter AV
- 1:30pm Personnel Committee
- 3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
- 6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers

Wednesday, April 16

- 9:30am Meditation Trail Task Force
- 10:00am Mission and Outreach Committee
- 12:00pm Bible Study
- 1:00pm The Good Grief Group
- 4:00pm Joyful Bells
- 5:30pm Luciana Quartet
- 6:30pm Estes Park Chorale

Thursday, April 17

- 12:00pm Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group
- 3:00pm Columbarium Committee
- 4:00pm Chancel Bells
- 5:00pm EVICS
- 5:00pm MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
- 6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, April 18

- 12:00pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Saturday, April 19

- 10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449

Sunday, April 20— EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:15am Adult Sunday School
- 8:30am Journeys
- 10:00am Worship

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Ann, Steve & Cindy Taylor.

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

Palm Sunday Brunch—Following today's worship service, you are invited to attend the annual Palm Sunday Brunch in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Hospitality Committee. We look forward each year to this special time of fellowship before Easter!

Today we will be collecting the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering. Please consider joining together with congregations around the world to provide relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. You will find envelopes in the pews designated for the offering, or you may also use the PCCR website to make a one-time donation to this important ministry. Let's join together to bring hope to those who need it most.

Lenten Psalm Study—For Lent, we will be embarking on a practice called lectio divina. This is an ancient practice where we read, meditate and pray on scripture, listening to how it speaks to us. We will be using the same scripture for all 6 weeks, getting deeper and deeper into the text, using different translations and even thinking about the Hebrew. The text will be Psalm 86. Join Pastor Christine for the final session on Monday, April 14th at 3:00pm in the church Library. All are welcome!

Meditation Trail Task Force is looking for a few more members to help with rejuvenating our meditation trail. Please contact Sibyl Gardner at 310-880-3524 or the church office at office@pccrusa.org if you are interested.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine —

Join Pastor Christine for Bible Study at noon in the church Library on Wednesday, April 16th. This week's topic is "Covenant with Abram" Scripture: Genesis 14:17-15

Sunday Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer —

There will be no class on April 20th or 27th as we celebrate Easter! The study group will resume in May on a new day and time. Stay tuned for further information.

New Church Directory—A new church directory is now available. A digital copy has been emailed to you but if you are interested in a physical copy, one can be found on the table in the Narthex next to the entry doors to Fellowship Hall.

Crossroads Ministry provides basic human services to our neighbors in the Estes Valley. Let's help Crossroads practice practical Christian love to over 300 families by donating to the Crossroads market. This month, the **CROSSROADS GROCERY CART will be in the Narthex on Easter Sunday, April 20th. Especially needed items are hearty soups, canned fruit, Stove Top Stuffing & Knorr side dishes. Remember; you're giving a hand up, not a hand out, to someone in need!**

The **Presbyterian Women's Bible study** will meet next Monday, April 21, in the church library to discuss lesson eight in the Horizons Bible study book, *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. Sue Yowell will lead the discussion on "Intergenerational Justice." We gather at 11:30 am and the lesson begins at 12 noon. We hope you can join us.

Upcoming:

Thursday, April 17—Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 5:00pm

Friday, April 18—Good Friday Worship Service at 12:00 noon

Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday Worship Service with bells, choir and brass

Friday, April 25—Oratorio Society of Estes Park concert at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 26—Oratorio Society of Estes Park concert at 2:00pm

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