



***“Fear and Joy”***

**April 5, 2026**  
**Easter Sunday**

*“Jesus’s resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord’s Prayer is about.”*

— Athanasius of Alexandria (328-373)

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**TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION**

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

**PRELUDE** “Grand Choeur Dialogue” Eugene Gigout  
Organist, Larry Gillum  
The Highland Brass

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 232** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist, Mike Dempsey

This is the good news: the grave is empty; Christ is risen!

***He is risen indeed!***

This the good news—the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.  
Christ is risen!

***He is risen indeed!***

This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God’s people. Christ is risen!

***He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

**\*HYMN NO. 238** “Thine Is the Glory”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, we pass by those who mourn, and we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed. Forgive us and help us trust in your power to change our lives and make us new.***

Silent Prayer of Confession

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE:**

**Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619**  
(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Mike Dempsey

**PCCR BELLS**

"Christ Arose"

arr. Sandra Eithun  
Director, Patti Dolezal

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE**      *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, NRSV*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**      "To the Lamb on the Throne"      Dan Forrest  
Director, Rich Dixon

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**      *Matthew 28:1-10, NRSV*

**MESSAGE**      "Fear and Joy"      The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY No. 236**      "The Strife Is O'er"

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**      "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"      Dale Wood

**\*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 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. 268**      "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      "Toccata"      Charles-Marie Widor

*\*Please stand if you are able.*





*Thank you to all who purchased Spring Flowers for Easter  
and gave to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering this  
2026 Easter season!*

**Hulda Bachman** in memory of Jim Bachman

**Jim & Karen Daugherty** in memory of Don & Betty Daugherty and Bob & Jean Terry

**Neil & Jan Tenzer** in memory of our sister, Susan Shuraky

**Marilyn Irwin** in memory of Steve Fry; and in honor of my granddaughters Ramona & Amelia

**Darin & Jennifer Workman** in memory of Ruth Bramman & Lyle Workman, Loweta & Vaughn Augustin  
and Philip Augustin

**Jack Holmquist** in memory of Carolyn Holmquist, Mollie Holmquist and Tim Kuster; and in honor of Heidi  
Kuster, Suzi Sperry and Carrie West

**Steve Taylor** in memory of the Perney Family

**Larry & Linda Emsing** in honor of Chris & Lora Emsing

**Ivan Wilkinson** in memory of Ginger Wilkinson

**David & Susan Thomas** in honor of Joanne Alreck; and in memory of Lucile & Veneal Thomas

**Verlene Thorp** in memory of Roger Thorp and Kevan Holdsworth

**Dennis & Anne Jacobs** in memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. William Jacobs and Mr. & Mrs. Edward  
Perry

**Steve & Evelyn Wilson** in memory of our good friends Steve Thoms and Nick Mollé

**Randy & Terry Brigham** in honor of Luke, Katie, Josiah & Thomas Brigham and Lindsey, Anthony, Rylind,  
Ryder & Kinlee McCord

**Marilyn Vergoth** in memory of John Vergoth

**David & Katha Schweitzer** in honor of our grandchildren, Autumn, Adam & Aspen

**Audrey TeSelle** in memory of Ken TeSelle

**Phil & Dot Rohrbaugh** in honor of our family

**Corinne Burke** in memory of Bob & Lois Cheney

**Barbara Cole** in memory of Ken Cole, Bill Robinson, Paul & Ruth Cole and Joe & Jerri Robinson

**Dave & Susan Landers** in honor of Calvin and Henry Landers



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**Pete & Bonnie Vanderveen** in memory of our sister, Edie Martin

**Sue Yowell** in memory of Joyce & Kent Yowell and Helen & Jack Yowell

**Anne Ard & Tom Poole** in memory of Sam & Jane Ard

**Grateful PCCR Members** in honor of Lory & Dennis McDonald, Lois & Bruce Ellingwood, Bonnie & Pete Vanderveen, Anne & Dennis Jacobs, and Brenda & Larry Gillum

**Kent & Betty Meyer** in memory of our parents

**Sibyl Gardner** in memory of Romaine Gardner

**Barb & Chuck Slicker** in memory of our beloved family

**Mike & Christine Dempsey** in memory of our parents, James & Marlene Hancock and Jerry & Linda Dempsey



***A special thank you to the Highland Brass under the direction of Chuck Varilek for  
sharing Easter with us!***

Dave Scott , first trumpet; Neil Johnson, second trumpet;  
Jerry Brubaker, French horn; Curtis Fox, trombone; Chuck Varilek, tuba

## ***Announcements***

**Greeters this morning** are Renee & Mike Warren.

**Fellowship Time**—Join us today for coffee and treats hosted by Grace and Grub.

Thank you for your generous support of the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering which was dedicated on Palm Sunday. If you would like to donate to this important ministry, use the envelopes in the narthex or write a check to PCCR, putting OGHS in the memo line. Your gifts will bring a beacon of love and hope to our world and put the power of healing into the hands of those who need it most.

**Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine**—Come and join us for Bible Study at noon in the church library! We will begin our study of Exodus on Wednesday, April 8th! All you need is your Bible.

**Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer** — Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother’s Sunday School) will continue on Friday, April 10th at 10:00am in the church library. All are welcome as we discuss “Does God Change His Mind?”

**Volunteers are needed at the Estes Dementia Day Center (EDDC) - *Do you have compassion and experience joy when helping others? Do you have a morning or afternoon one day a week available to support the Estes Dementia Day Center (EDDC) opening in May?*** Some of your neighbors have already offered to volunteer with providing engaging activities, emotional support, and a safe environment for individuals living with any form of Dementia. Volunteers will play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life for participants (our guests) through meaningful interactions, companionship, and joy while offering caregivers the respite they need. If you are interested in learning more about or becoming a Volunteer Care-provider, please contact Jane at [jhsstuart@gmail.com](mailto:jhsstuart@gmail.com) or 970-430-8105

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Terry Brigham - Dennis Jacobs - Jim Jonell - Kent Meyer  
Mimi Hardendorf - Jennifer Workman - Bruce Ellingwood  
Fred Thibodeau - Dale Bonza - Diane Palmer - Brian Rood  
Mike Warren - Clerk of Session: Barb Cole

### **Deacons**

Mike Dempsey - Brenda Gillum - Jack Holmquist  
Joanie Kleckner - Patti Dolezal - John Davis - Larry Pierce  
Marilyn Irwin - Beth Carle - Leslie Causer  
Ann Taylor

## ***The Week Ahead***

### **Monday, April 6**

10:00am Christian Ed Committee  
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

### **Tuesday, April 7**

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group  
12:00pm PEO Chapter AV  
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance  
6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers  
6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

### **Wednesday, April 8**

10:00am Mission and Outreach Committee  
12:00pm Bible Study  
1:30pm Nada Quartet rehearsal  
4:00pm Joyful Bells  
5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 77845  
6:00pm Estes Park Chorale

### **Thursday, April 9**

12:00pm ENN Board Meeting  
1:00pm Foundation  
2:00pm Insurance Meeting  
4:00pm Chancel Bells  
5:00pm EVICS  
6:15pm Girl Scout Service Unit  
6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group  
6:30pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, April 10**

10:00am Adult Study Group  
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

### **Saturday, April 11**

9:00am Girl Scout Troop 76904  
9:00am Card-Making Group  
10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449  
5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

### **Sunday, April 12**

8:30am Journeys  
10:00am Worship  
4:00pm Oratorio Rehearsal

*See the full church calendar on [www.pccrusa.org](http://www.pccrusa.org)*

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