



April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

"Remember Jesus of Nazareth, staggering on broken feet out of the tomb toward the Resurrection, bearing on his body the proud insignia of the defeat which is victory, the magnificent defeat of the human soul at the hands of God."

— Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

WELCOME

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

PRELUDE

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" (Tune: *Darwall*)

Alice Jordan

Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adopted from Luke 24)

They stood around talking about him,

Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

They were startled and terrified,

Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

They disbelieved and wondered,

And Jesus said, "Peace be with you."

And Jesus invited them to proclaim the good news.

Let us worship together in Christ's peace.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as people of faith, we often find ourselves lacking, losing direction and even hope. We have allowed ourselves to become cynical and that has led to prayerlessness and pessimism. We have started to crumble under the stresses of our lives and the world in which we live. God forgive us for our smallness of faith and help us trust you to live into the grace that you freely give. In your mercy, hear us.

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 consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHANCEL BELLS

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Jason W. Krug
Director, Patti Dolezal

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

CHANCEL CHOIR

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Daniel Kallman
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE

Rev. Chris Davis

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9;
Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

L. 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 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. 269**

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

“I Danced in the Morning”

Shaker Hymn, p. 157

**Please stand if you are able.*



Announcements

Greeters this morning are Lois & Bruce Ellingwood.

Fellowship Time—Join us today for coffee and treats hosted by the Christian Education Committee.

CROSSROADS GROCERY CART will be in the Narthex today. Especially needed items are toilet paper, canned chicken, white rice & cereal.

The **Presbyterian Women's Bible study** will meet tomorrow, April 20, in the church library to discuss lesson 8, titled "Remembering Jesus' Baptism." Beth Carle will lead us in discussing "what it means to be a child of God, charged to serve faithfully, justly and lovingly." We gather at 11:30 to share in fellowship before our lesson begins at 12 noon. The Bible study books are still available in the church office or at our meeting. We hope you can join us!

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will be on Wednesday, April 22nd at 12:00 noon in the church library. Come join us as we continue a study series on the book of Exodus. All you need is your bible. See you there!

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer — Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) will continue on Friday, April 24th at 10:00am in the church library. All are welcome!

Our Lost & Found box is overflowing!—Check the table in the Narthex to see if we have found anything that you have lost. All unclaimed items will be donated.

Save the Date!

**Thursday, July 16 -
Sunday, July 19, 2026
9:00 - 11:30 am**



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School**

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The Week Ahead

Monday, April 20

11:30am Presbyterian Women
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, April 21 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Wednesday, April 22

12:00pm Bible Study
1:30pm Nada Quartet
4:00pm Joyful Bells
6:30pm Estes Park Chorale

Thursday, April 23

10:00am VBS Planning Meeting
4:00pm Chancel Bells
6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, April 24

9:30am Merry Marthas
10:00am Adult Study Group
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

Saturday, April 25

10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449
5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, April 26

8:30am Journeys
10:00am Worship
11:00am Organ Restoration Question &
Answer session
12:30pm EVICS Child Birth Class
4:00pm Oratorio Society Rehearsal

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

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

Oratorio Society of
Estes Park
presents
Mozart's Requiem
Friday, May 8 7:00pm
Saturday, May 9 2:00pm



Upcoming musical events
in May at PCCR

Estes Valley Chamber Singers
Spring Concert
Saturday, May 16 2:00 pm



Estes Park Chorale Spring Concert
Friday, May 29 7:00pm



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