



Seeing is Believing
February 12, 2023



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montrose, CO

We are people called together by Christ to celebrate God in worship, grow together through discipleship and bring others to Christ.

February 12, 2023

9:30 a.m.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STORIES OF GRACE-FILLED JESUS INTERACTIONS

Meditation

The blind man not only receives his sight, but the courage to acknowledge what Jesus has done for him. "I am the man". When the Pharisees argue with him about how Jesus is a sinner breaking the law by healing on the Sabbath, he fearlessly replied, "He is a prophet". Finally, when driven out of the temple and Jesus goes looking for him, we hear him say, "Lord, I believe." He now sees with the eyes of faith as well.

Prelude Music - *Adele Creasey*

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

The Sound of a Bell, a Moment of Silence

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship* (*In Unison-UMC Sandy Springs, GA*)

When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God, we will turn on the light. When we cannot find our way back to love and peace, we will turn on the light. When our vision dims due to the darkness within, we will turn on the light. Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight. The light of the world is Jesus

*Rise if you are able.

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Christ. Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind. Praise God, the light of the world!

Songs of Worship*

Great Are You Lord

Blessed be Your Name

(Please be seated)

Prayer of Confession (*In Unison-UMC Sandy Springs, GA*)

Holy Jesus, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we “see”, we miss the truths you would teach us. With the healing balm of your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures, and our own faults. Make our “shadow side” known to us and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

Assurance of Pardon (*Ephesians 2: 4-5*)

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. This is the Good News! Our sins are forgiven. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

One ancient and significant gesture in worship is the passing of the peace. Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains our hearts, hands, and voices in the ways of peace. At these times, we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors, grasp their hands, and speak the words, “The peace of the Lord be with you,” and receive the words in turn, “And also with you.” The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity. (Col. 1:20-21).

Offering

Please consider tithing during this part of the service. You can also tithe electronically by going to the “Give” tab on our website.

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Sermon Text

John 9: 1-41 - *Fred Brown*

Message

"Seeing is Believing" - *Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Song of Sending*

Be Thou My Vision

Life in the Body (*Announcements*)

Blessing and Benediction*

Postlude

Life in the Body

- Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to have you here with us today. If you would like to be contacted by one of our deacons or to be put on our digital communications list, please fill out one of our welcome cards which can be found either in the seat pocket in front of you or on the table in the foyer.
- If you are interested in finding out more about our church you can visit our website at: <https://fpcmontrose.com>.
- To find out what is happening in the life of our church, an event calendar and weekly newsletter (*Announcements*) are available on the table in the foyer.

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