



**The Last Words of Christ on the Cross**  
**February 26, 2023**



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Montrose, CO

## WELCOME

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

February 26, 2023

9:30 a.m.

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

---

### MEDITATION

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

~ Luke 23: 34

---

### PRELUDE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

### THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

### OPENING PRAYER

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

(by: Beth Merrill Neel)

Leader: In this season of Lent, we make our way to cross,

**All: We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear, but also trust in God, and love for humanity.**

Leader: In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow Christ's example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,

**All: To embrace trust in God and love for humanity. So let us make this journey together. Let us worship God.**

---

\*Rise if you are able.

Childcare is available during the service for ages 0 - 5 yrs..

## **SONGS OF WORSHIP\***

*All Creatures Of Our God And King / Holy Holy Holy  
I See The Lord*

(Please be seated)

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(by: Beth Merrill Neel)

**Holy God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; We pray for the courage to admit our fault and the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends. Sisters, brothers: hear this good news and see the grace of God: You are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love. Thanks be to God. 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.

## **SERMON TEXT**

Luke 23: 32-37

---

\*Rise if you are able.

Childcare is available during the service for ages 0 - 5 yrs.

## MESSAGE

*"The Last Words of Christ on the Cross"* - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

## SONG OF SENDING\*

*Revelation Song*

## LIFE IN THE BODY

## 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 out in the foyer.
- We have received information that Pam Jutten has passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- The Youth program still needs volunteers, whether individually or as a group, to help make meals or donate money for a meal on Sunday nights.
- Today, immediately after the service, there is a fun writing group meeting in room #7. This is a fun and different way to process Pastor Jesse's sermons.
- We hope you will join us on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for soup and a time of Lenten Introspection.
- If you want to learn 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.

---

\*Rise if you are able.

Childcare is available during the service for ages 0 -5 yrs..