



The Last Words of Christ on the Cross
March 5, 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.

March 5, 2023

9:30 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT THE LAST WORDS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

Meditation

"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." ~ *Luke 23: 38-43*

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(by Re: Worship-Isaiah 43: 19-21)

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

All: **We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

All: **We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: **We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!**

*Rise if you are able.

Nursery is available during the service for ages 0-3rd grade.

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Lord Have Mercy

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(In Unison – by *Beth Merrill Neel*)

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(by *Beth Merrill Neel*)

Friends, this Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived, and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. Know that indeed you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 seats, 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).

DEACON UPDATE

OFFERING

Come Long Expected Jesus - Hannah Stetson

The first Sunday of the month is Deacon Sunday. Please consider giving a special donation using the provided envelope or by going to the "Give" tab on our website.

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SERMON TEXT

Luke 23: 38-43

VIDEO

Thief by Third Day

MESSAGE

"Last Words of Christ on the Cross" – Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

APOSTLES' CREED

(In Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION

SONG OF SENDING*

In Christ Alone

LIFE IN THE BODY

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION*

Life in the Body (Announcements)

- 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.
- 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.

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