



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 16, 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.*

April 16, 2023

9:30 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER JOHN 20: 19-31

MEDITATION

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

~*John 20: 27-29*

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(Ministry Matters)

Leader: The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

All: We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

Leader: Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

All: Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we focus on the Light.

*Rise if you are able.

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Leader: Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

God Is Able

Amazing Love (You are my King)

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(In Unison)

Even though we have come through the joy of Easter and the triumphant Easter songs, yet we doubt, Lord. Like Thomas who walked the Judean countryside with Jesus, we still have trouble believing in the resurrection of Jesus. We easily slip back into the darkness of doubts. We move the joy of Easter into the past and continue in a downward path to confusion. Shine your bright light of joy upon us. Lighten our dark path. Help us to believe, even though we have not seen you, touched your hands and side. Help us to proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Amen

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(1 John 1: 9)

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that marks our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains our hearts, hands, and voices in the ways of peace. Admittedly, this action seems momentary and may feel unfamiliar and awkward. However, The verbal exchange of "Peace be with you" and the reply of "And also with you" invites us to move beyond ourselves—our interests, our concerns—and create a Christ-like community with others. It is the practicing of this communal way of life infused by Christ's peace that makes this gesture so significant.

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 20: 19-31

MESSAGE

"The Doubting Disciple" - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING*

Turn Your eyes Upon Jesus

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.
- Please join us immediately after the service for our monthly potluck. Everyone is welcome and wanted.
- If you feel led, we would appreciate your help reaching our goal of adding \$75,000 to our *Alms for Asphalt* project. Anyone wishing to contribute can make their check out to FPC with "capital improvement" on the memo line.
- 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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