



TYING UP LOOSE ENDS

May 21, 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.*

May 14, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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2 SAMUEL 9:1-13

MEDITATION

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." – C.S. Lewis

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

All: Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God!

Leader: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

*Rise if you are able.

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SONGS OF WORSHIP*

Great Are You Lord

Blessed Be Your Name

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(In Unison)

Almighty Father, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Father, have mercy on us and make us whole for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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.

SERMON TEXT

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MESSAGE

"Tying Up Loose Ends!" - Howard Davidson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING*

Be Thou My Vision

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 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 hope you can join us TODAY for our LAST Potluck of the Season! Come enjoy some good food and lively conversations.
- Congratulations to Jonas Graff, who will be graduating this afternoon!
- 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.
- Please stop by the Lost and Found table in the hallway to see if you recognize any items, whether yours or a friend's. We will have the table out through the end of this month, at which point, whatever is left will be donated to a good cause or recycled.
- 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.
- If you want to learn more about our church, you can visit our website at: <https://fpcmontrose.com>.

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