

# **PENTECOST SUNDAY**



**EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

**May 28, 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 28, 2023

9:30 a.m.

## EXPERIENCING THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

John 14:15-21

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### MEDITATION

Dearest Lord, may I see you today and every day in the person of your sick, and, whilst nursing them, minister unto you. Though you hide yourself behind the unattractive disguise of the irritable, the exacting, the unreasonable, may I still recognize you, and say: "Jesus, my patient, how sweet it is to serve you." ~ *Mother Teresa*

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### PRELUDE MUSIC

### WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

### OPENING PRAYER

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*(Greg Boyd)*

Leader: Our ever-present Creator, you alone can satisfy the hunger in our hearts.

All: For you made us for yourself. Help us to relinquish all idols and to find our fulfillment solely in you. In this moment and in every moment.

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\*Rise if you are able.

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## **SONGS OF WORSHIP\***

*How Great Is Our God  
Before The Throne Of God Above*

(Please be seated)

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*(In Unison - Greg Boyd)*

Our ever-present Father, we pledged to surrender our life to you, but we confess that most of the moments that make up our actual life are not surrendered to you. Help us to remember you and offer ourselves up to you in this moment and every moment.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Father, in your word, we read, ' Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come.' Praise God, in Christ, we are forgiven.

## **SONG OF WORSHIP\***

*Breathe On Me Breath Of 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**

John 14:15-21

## **MESSAGE**

*"Experiencing the Presence of God."* - Howard Davidson

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**SONG OF SENDING\***

*Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God*

**LIFE IN THE BODY**

**BLESSING AND BENEDICTION\***

**POSTLUDE**

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***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 to say farewell to the Davises before they move to Springfield, MO. Afterward, we encourage you to stay for Steve's presentation on the Gideons.
- 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. A few new items have been added to the table since Sunday.
- 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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