

September 15, 2024 10:00 a.m. Monument Community Presbyterian Church 238 Third Street Monument. CO 80132

## WELCOME

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we invite you to find grace for the past, strength for today and hope for tomorrow as you worship with us. To our guests, we extend a special welcome and hope you will come again! We invite you to get to know our church family and take part in our life and worship as fully as you are able. Join us in the Great Room for coffee and fellowship after worship each week.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

† Please stand if you are able.

Prelude, "Your Grace is Enough"

Welcome and Announcements

†Call to Worship, Psalm 96

In the glimpse of heavenly worship found in the book of Revelation, we hear all of heaven singing. And these are the words on their lips:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

Who was, and is, and is to come.

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,

for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

**†Hymn of Praise,** "Holy, Holy, Holy" #138

**Gathering Prayer** 

Scripture Reading, Exodus 33:7-11

Children's Message

Children are invited forward

Choir Anthem, "Fill My Cup"

**Greeting One Another** 

Scripture Reading, Revelation 5:6-14

Message, "The Heart of Worship"

Confessing our Sin

God of the ages, and God of all generations, we come before you—rather ashamed of our actions, our hopes,

and plans for the future in the frenzied pace of our life.

We have not given space or time for the wonder of worshipping you—

we are just like our ancestors who have gone before us!

We have not placed you at the centre of our life, or at the centre of our heart and mind.

We have not learned from either our ancestors' mistakes, or our own mistakes.

Merciful God, heal us, forgive us and renew us. Generous God,

we seek your mercy for the times we make excuses for ourselves;

when we conveniently forget that you speak to us through our hearts, minds, and consciences to quide us in our decision making.

We seek your gracious blessings,

even though we have been blind

ever thought we have been blind

to the reminders of your presence with us; we have hardened our hearts in our busyness; and neglected our suffering and despairing neighbours.

Merciful God, heal us, forgive us and renew us. Comforting God,

we come as individuals with our own sin; but we also come as a community with our communal sin.

Each of us are burdened with the memories of past sin:

of past shared sinfulness,

when we have turned our eyes away

from the wonder and majesty of our Guiding God, and our life's choices are contrary to the ways of God.

We come with heavy hearts

to lay before you our shared and individual sin,

## aware that we have failed each other and you. Merciful God, heal us, forgive us and renew us. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

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**Song of Praise**, "Hosanna, Praise Is Rising"

Offering Our Gifts

†Doxology

**Benediction** 

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being there. Christ lives in you and has something He wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in the grace and love and power of Jesus Christ.

## Postlude

Service Participants: All the people of God! Interim Pastor: Rev. John Anderson, D. Min.; Children's Message: Bill Clohan; Greeters: Chris Bailey, Sue Patha; Lay Worship Leader: Kathy Decker; Media: Kathleen Krucoff; Music: Stephanie McGuffin, Director of Music Ministry; Organist: Glenda Herman; Security Monitor: Gary Schwerdt; Sound: Dan Krucoff; Stephen Minister: Rosemary DiAsio; Ushers: Randy and Carol Scott, Jim Sim