

Traditional Worship

May 7, 2023
8:45 am



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Eastertide

Worship Notes

...making our worship more meaningful & understandable

If you are visiting Cherry Creek today, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us on this beautiful Eastertide morning.

A Different Tune for the Gloria Patri? If you worship regularly with us in our first service, you'll notice that, since Easter, we've been singing a different melody to the words of that ancient Christian hymn, the *Gloria Patri*. Our leaders in worship chose to do this partially for the goal of just keeping our traditional worship fresh and vital. But we also think that this tune, "Creatorex," is a slightly more uplifting setting than the one we normally sing, "Meineke." Especially during the season of Eastertide (when we continue to celebrate all that Easter means), we want to highlight the uplifting nature of the resurrection itself in our music.

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God Gathers Us

Prelude

Cross Medley - arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship - from Psalm 23

Please see screens for responsive reading.

Invocation

Introit

#86 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Gathering Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Trad.

We Respond to God's Presence

Gloria Patri no. 734 - GREATOREX

Worship Through Giving

Anthem

Brother James's Air (from Psalm 23) - arr. Jacob

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology with Alleluias

Greeting

God Reveals His Word to Us

Song of Illumination

Invocation of the Light - Peters Branch

Sermon Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: Psalm 23 (page 859 in pew Bible)

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks Be to God!**

Series: Finding Jesus in the Psalms

Message: The Lord Is My Shepherd

We Feast at God's Table

Holy Communion

We Go Forth in Joy

Hymn of Response

#405 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude - arr. George Blake

Prayer for the Week

Blessed are you, God of all creation.
You spoke in the beginning, and all things came to be.
You spoke, and your Word came to live with us, full of grace and truth.
Bless this place where we would hear your voice.
Bless this place where we would hear your story.
As we listen, may our ears be attuned to you.
As the Word is spoken, may you speak to us.
May all we hear lead us to you.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Giving: In response to God's goodness, we are called to offer our whole selves—heart and mind soul, and strength—in joyful adoration in our daily lives. One way we do that is through giving financially, which you can do in person after the service, by mail or online here: <https://www.elexiogiving.com/App/Giving/> [cherrycreekpres.org](https://www.cherrycreekpres.org)

Prayer chain If you would like to be kept up-to-date on prayer needs in our church body, please sign up for the CCPC Prayer chain at ccpcprays@cherrycreekpres.org

Assisting in Worship Nancy Sadler, guest organist; Amanda Vaughan, Communications Coord.; Sanctuary Choir; David Knopp & Media Team; Usher Team

Rev. Dr. Brad Strait, Senior Pastor
Rev. Chris Piehl, Associate Pastor
Rev. Phil Bremerman, Associate Pastor
Gary Hein, Executive Pastor
Evan Mazunik, Dir. of Worship & Liturgy
Bohee Paek, Organist
Kasey Melin, Asst. Dir. Contemporary Music

Convergent Worship

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Goodness of God - Bethel

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Today's Music

Yes, I Will - Vertical Worship

All Who Are Thirsty - Vineyard

Desert Song - Hillsong

Gloria Patri - arr. Hicks

Doxology with Alleluias

Invocation of the Light - Peters Branch

How Deep the Father's Love for Us - Townend

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) - Tomlin

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After the Greeting, kids Preschool—5th grade may be sent to kids church.

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