

Traditional Worship

April 30, 2023
8:45 am



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A member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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.

Our Mission Spotlight today reminds us that mission isn't only about spreading the gospel abroad in places like Africa. *We* are called to be missionaries, right here! The time has come when the American church can no longer merely *send* missionaries. We must *be* missionaries. Today's mission spotlight, furthermore, reminds us that, though the center of God's mission is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, the implications of that gospel affect the whole created order. This means that when the church is being missional, it is seeking the type of restoration to the world that the gospel creates and instigates. Loving others in our neighborhood, giving to the poor, coming alongside hurting people...these are all part of the mission of God.

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>

God Gathers Us

Prelude

Abide with Me - William H. Monk

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship - from Psalm 8

Please see screens for responsive reading.

Invocation

Introit - CCPC Cantus & Choristers Choirs

Small Things - Tom S. Long & Allen Pote

Gathering Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

We Respond to God's Presence

Gloria Patri no. 734 - GREATOR EX

Worship Through Giving

Prayer

Anthem

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name - Words from Psalm 8; Music: Fetteke

Prayer of Intercession

Doxology with Alleluias

We Rejoice in God's Work

Mission Spotlight - Cheryl Mendes-Ellis, CCPC Director of Community Engagement

Greeting

God Reveals His Word to Us

Song of Illumination

Invocation of the Light - Peters Branch

Sermon Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: Psalm 8 (page 845 in pew Bible)

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

Series: Finding Jesus in the Psalms

Message: How Majestic is Your Name

We Go Forth in Joy

Hymn of Response

#317 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata for Organ - John Weaver

Prayer for the Week

You have given yourself to us, Lord.
Now we give ourselves for others.
You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people.
As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts.
Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.
(from *The Worship Sourcebook*, 2nd ed.)

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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 Amanda Vaughan, Communications Coord.; Kristen Matthews, Children's Choirs Coordinator; Lu Downing, Children's Choirs accompanist; 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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Small Things - Tom S. Long & Allen Pote

Today's Music

Great Are You, Lord - All Sons & Daughters

God and King - Neese

Goodness of God - Bethel

Gloria Patri - arr. Hicks

Doxology with Alleluias

Invocation of the Light - Peters Branch

The Lion and the Lamb - Leeland

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

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