

March 3, 2024

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

\*HYMN #276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends of God, believe this—God loves the world, and that includes us!

**People: May the truth of this great love story shine through our worship today, and renew our sense of calling.**

Leader: Come with your enthusiasm and tiredness, your peace and frustrations; come with your certainties and doubts, your trust and fears, your contentment and longings.

**People: We come to this space, to discover yet again how Jesus reveals God's love and mercy. We come, in friendship to God, each other, and the world, to listen for God's Word to us, to offer our prayers, and to renew our calling.**

Leader: Friends of God, children of God, let's worship out of the depths of God's love at work in us!

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious heavenly Father, there are times when we are so aware of our limitations, conscious of sin, and the distance it creates between us. Sometimes 'sorry' is all the heart can bear to say aloud. It is only you who can read and understand the language of our hearts, only you who can translate our 'sorry' into the prayer we would have prayed, if we had the words within us. Hear us then, underneath and beyond our words. [ . . . time for silent, personal confession . . . ] Thank you, Lord God, for your forgiveness. Surround us in an embrace of love, drawing us close to your heart, as it was always meant to be. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Samantha Hodgkins, Todd Vermeer, Laurie Thompson,  
Oran Palmateer

MUSIC

I Believe

**LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“For Heaven's Sake: A Season of Self-Reflection”

“Seeing and Believing”

Scripture: John 2:13-22

HYMN #172 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

**RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

To share a joy or concern: Click [HERE](#) or use the QR code

OFFERING

To give online: Click [HERE](#), or use the QR code

MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Some of our worship materials come from:

- Ann Siddall as posted on the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre website
- John Birch as posted on the Faith and Worship website
- Presbyterian Mission Agency
- 1907 Book of Common Worship

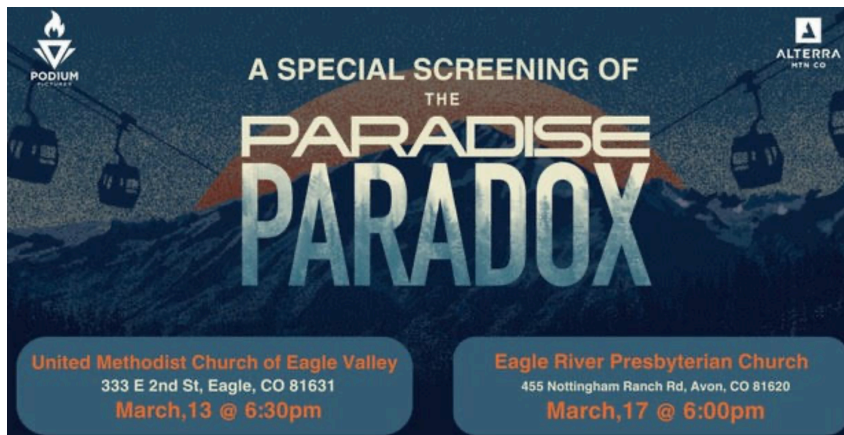
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### ***Holy Week Schedule***

***Palm Sunday***

***March 24 at 9:30***

***Maundy Thursday***

***March 28 at 7 pm***

***Good Friday***

***March 29 at 7 pm***

***Easter Sunday***

***March 31 at 9:30***