

GATHERING TOGETHER

As the music begins, we invite you to use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here. Take these few minutes to silently prepare for worship and allow the Spirit to refresh you.

Prayer of the Day

God, our guiding wisdom, you are all around us. You companion us through ancient texts, modern prophets, the earth and our own inner depths. We are here to listen, to integrate the teachings of love, to be renewed and transformed by your grace. May it be so. Amen.



Gathering Music Reggie Berg

Welcome Rev. Sheri Fry

Introit *In Your Presence* Reggie Berg
Arr. Nolan Williams Jr. & Sara Love

Call to Worship

Liturgist Barbara Myers

Leader: Like trees planted by streams of water, those who delight in God's ways will not wither.

All: Flourishing, they bear fruit appropriate to each season.

Leader: Through seasons of justice or compassion, seasons of change or of rest.

All: With wisdom and discernment, they blossom and they bloom.

Leader: Abundant is the harvest of those who trust in God.

All: Blessed is the community that follows the call of love.

Lighting of the Christ Candle (*unison*)

Barbara Myers

We give thanks for the light of hope – persistent and mysterious.

We give thanks for the light of peace – strong and unafraid.

We give thanks for the light of joy – determined and unpredictable.

We give thanks for the light of love – hot and holy.

Let the light we kindle before us, strong in hope, wide in good will, inviting the day to come. Amen.

*Hymn 634

To God be the Glory

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*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Sheri Fry

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

*Moment of Silence

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done! So loved he the
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

Leader: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Leader: Amen.

All: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

*Response of Praise

Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Barbara Myers

O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too, might rise to new life in you. Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

Barbara Myers

Leader: Listen to the voice of the Spirit speaking to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

There's a Great Day A Comin'
By Patsy Ford Simms

Virtual Choir

Second Lesson

John 17:1-11

Rev. Sheri Fry

Sermon

Unified, Not Uniform

Rev. Sheri Fry

Moment of Silent Reflection

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Affirmation of Faith

Barbara Myers

We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit. We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong. We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

Call to Prayer

Reggie Berg

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory

Reggie Berg

*Doxology

Hymn 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*Prayer of Dedication

**God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank offering to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*Hymn

Every Morning is Easter Morning

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SENDING IN GOD'S LOVE

*Charge & Benediction

*Congregational Benediction Response

Everyone

Surely the Presence
by Lanny Wolfe

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angels' wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Postlude

Reggie Berg

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Every Morning Is Easter Morning

Words and Music by
Richard Kinsey Avery
and Donald Stuart Marsh



Ev - ry morn-ing is Eas-ter mor-ning from now on---!

Last time to Coda



Ev - 'ry day's res- ur - rec -tion day, the past is o - ver and gone!



1. Good-bye guilt, good-bye fear, good ri-dance. Hel-lo Lord, hel-lo sun!

2. Dai - ly news is so bad it seems the Good News sel- dom gets heard.

3. Yes - ter - day I was bored and lone-ly; But to - day look and see!

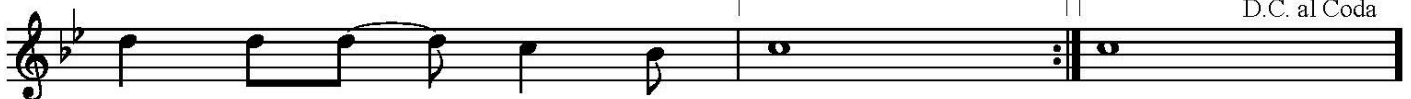


I Get am one--- of the Eas - ter peo - ple!
I Get it straight from the Eas - ter peo - ple!
I be - long-- to the Eas - ter peo - ple!

1, 2.

3.

D.C. al Coda



My new life -- has be - gun! me!
God's in charge! Spread the word!
Life's ex - cit - ing to

Coda



Ev - 'ry morn-ing is Eas-ter morn-ing, ev 'ry morn-ing is Eas -ter morn-ing.



ev - 'ry morn - ing is Eas - ter morn - ing,



from now on! -----

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Sermon Musings



John 17:1-11

Father Raymond Brown call the prayer in this scripture “one of the most majestic moments in John’s Gospel.” On behalf of the disciples, Jesus asks for union with the Divine and with one another. This 7th Sunday of Easter is the anticipation of the promise, the flash of insight before the work of Pentecost begins. The church, not quite ready to be church, is asked to go deeper into love these ten days of Ascensiontide. We’re asked to practice loving in dark faith, without the bodily presence of the Resurrected Christ. This “high priestly prayer” sets us up for the experience itself when it comes. Ascensiontide is the most liminal time of the church year. Here you learn the skill of loving God and uniting in community at a time of ambiguity and uncertainty and waiting. Ultimately a religion is tested by its capacity to waken love in its followers, and what is perhaps more difficult, to extend that love to *all* humanity.

FAMILY CAMPS AT HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Mom, Dad, Grandparents & the Kids...all are invited to Family Camp this Summer at Highlands! Enjoy the beautiful mountain setting, make new friends, renew old friendships and enjoy activities with your family.

Stay in the Retreat Center or enjoy the rustic cabins. Counselors will also spend time with your kids while you enjoy a mountain view or conversations with other adults.

Relax, Refresh & Renew! **Contact www.highlandscamp.org**

June 24-26

July 2-5

July 16-18

June 27-29

July 11-13

July 18-21



Calendar

May 17th, 10am -2 pm Second of Two COVID Vaccination Clinics ~ May 18th 4 pm Session Meeting in FH

Mondays 9:30 am - 12 pm Men’s Shed at the church

May 20th at 1 pm - Sometime Circle in the Fellowship Hall

May 30th following worship - Congregational Meeting to Elect an Elder

DIAPERS, WIPES AND FEMININE HYGEINE PRODUCTS DRIVE

MAY 9 - JUNE 20, 2021 ~ MOTHER'S DAY TO FATHER'S DAY

One in three families struggles to afford adequate diapers to keep their babies and toddlers clean and dry. This diaper need has been called a “silent crisis.”

- Federal programs including SNAP or Link Card (formerly Food Stamps) and WIC *do not* cover the cost of diapers.
- Most childcare centers require parents to provide disposable diapers. Parents may not be able to work or go to school if their children cannot attend childcare.
- Regardless of age or size, 6-10 diapers are needed daily (costing around \$100 per month)
- According to research from the National Diaper Bank Network, families nationwide report an average shortfall of 50 diapers per month, per child.
- **For Infants and Children, it's a matter of hygiene and access to good childcare.**
- One in 3 families in America struggle with diaper need. They often cut back on food, utilities, and other necessities to provide diapers for their children.
- Babies who are left too long in a dirty diaper can develop serious health concerns such as diaper rash or skin infections; these babies tend to be more irritable.

Research conducted at Johns Hopkins University found that feelings of guilt or shame associated with not being able to care adequately for her baby significantly impact a mother's mental health.

I care about the environment. Why supply disposable diapers instead of cloth?

Some families don't have in-home washing machines and most laundromats do not allow cloth diapers to be washed at their facilities.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Drop off packages of diapers in the white Box in the narthex at Good Shepherd.

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS MINISTRY!

Sign up to Provide Flowers on Sundays

Now that we're back to worshiping in the sanctuary, we've resumed our arrangement with the King Soopers store at 104th and Federal for weekly fresh bouquets. To simplify this process, we're asking that those who sign up for them will pick them up on the way to church or the evening before and simply pay the store for them. After church, take the bouquet with you and enjoy it at home. If you cannot pick them up yourself, please let the office know, and we'll find a volunteer to pick them up for you.

Today's flowers are given by Sara Love in honor of her brother, Ken Love, who passed away three years ago in May.



GOOD SHEPHERD CYCLING TEAM & THE ZIMBABWE MISSION PARTNERSHIP!



On Sunday, June 6 the Good Shepherd cycling team will ride in the Elephant Rock ride in Castle Rock to support the Zimbabwe Mission Partnership. We are in a friendly competition with 9 other Presbyterian Churches in the Denver Presbytery to raise money, support and awareness for the orphaned children enrolled at the Heather Chimhoga Orphan Care Center in Zimbabwe. In addition, the money raised will help support local farming for food production, construction projects and operating funds for teachers and administrative staff. There is still time to join the team and ride with us or to support our efforts by making a donation to GSPC designated for Team Zim, or access our donation page on Good Shepherds Facebook page. Thank you in advance for your support of our Cycling Team and more importantly for your years of financial and prayer support for our siblings in Christ in Zimbabwe.



WE LOVE OUR GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS!! *Please join me on Sunday, June 13 as Good Shepherd hosts an Appreciation & Thank You BBQ lunch on the patio for Food Bank Volunteers- JUNE 13 @ 11:30 a.m.*

We want to thank our Food Bank volunteers for having such big hearts and lending their time, effort and resources in helping us fight food insecurity in our neighborhood and in Adams county...especially this past year during a pandemic!

We know how difficult it can be for the people who find themselves in need of the services the Food Bank provides. The words and actions of our volunteers go a long way toward helping people keep their dignity. We want our volunteers to know that their work hasn't gone unnoticed.

Please mark your calendar for June 13 immediately following the worship service to come enjoy lunch and say thank you to our Food Bank volunteers!



Joys and Concerns

Mary Kennedy had surgery Monday. Please pray for her swift recovery; we're thankful for Dawna Schneider's good results; for Howard A., her dad; for Patty Steward, recovering from an illness; Art and his family, grieving the loss of Jan; for the Bennett family who are grieving the loss of Diana's parents; the family of Barb W., who is now living with her daughter due to severe Alzheimer's disease; for the family of Burton K., who is in memory care and hospice care; for Pee Wee his family; Norm R.'s family, for Bill and Gayle, H.; for Jim S. and for Michelle W; for communities affected by COVID-19 or by human rights violations here in the United States and throughout the world; for our church, that it may thrive as it brings the good news to our area. Peewee Holland has moved and changed his phone number. He is now at 1503 Sunset Place, Loveland, CO 80537, 303-408-0665. Please note that the number for his address has been corrected.



The Colorado Safe Parking Initiative is a citizen led initiative to encourage safe, legal parking locations for individuals and families experiencing homelessness who are living in vehicles in Colorado's front range communities.

The Need for Safe Parking

According to the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative Point-in-Time Survey and various municipal and county-level counts, hundreds of individuals and families are estimated to be sheltering in vehicles in the seven-county Denver metro area, and there are nearly a thousand statewide. But because most surveys of people experiencing homelessness exclude or undercount people living in their vehicles, the actual number of individuals experiencing vehicular homelessness may be even higher.

Sheltering in vehicles is often a first stop for individuals who lose permanent housing. Without intervention and support, many fall deeper into homelessness and may eventually end up on the streets.

Safe Parking reduces harm by helping people to stay safe while on the path to stable housing.

Good Shepherd & The Safe Parking Initiative

Good Shepherd has been asked to partner with the Colorado Safe Parking Initiative in providing up to 5 parking spots to provide a safe place to rest for people sheltering in their vehicles. The Good Shepherd Session is in conversation with the Northglenn Police Department and the City Council and would model its Safe Parking Program after other successful programs happening in churches in Colorado and throughout the country.

For People who are Sheltering in Vehicles, what are the benefits to safe park

- Increased safety and security for people and their property
- Increased access to services and employment and/or education opportunities
- Improved rest, which can lead to better outcomes in areas such as physical and mental health and employment
- A community of support among safe parking guests
- More day-to-day stability
- A path to housing via housing navigation and coordinated entry

For the community, what are the benefits of safe parking?

- Less disturbance of residents by unauthorized parking, and reduction in vehicle loitering
- Reduced crime against people experiencing vehicular homelessness; safe parking guest also function as protective members of the community
- Fewer issues with litter and human waste
- Reduction in road congestion from long-term vehicle parking
- More public health, employment and other intervention opportunities
- More comprehensive data on an underserved and undercounted population
- Reduced systems costs associated with homelessness (law enforcement, health, waste management)

Please contact Rev. Sheri Fry with your questions and concerns.