



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

First Presbyterian Church
Yuma, Colorado

We are glad you are here!!
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5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Gathering Music

Welcome and Life in Fellowship

Opening Scripture

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Call to Worship & Prayer of the Day

One: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

All: for we are the church of Jesus Christ!

One: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

All: opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!

Gracious God, you have promised to hear us when we pray to you, we desperately need your guidance and care. We are a people who walk around with a long list of concerns and worries on our minds. a gift it is to come and offer them to you – for you are the author of grace and goodness. Amen.

*“Cry of My Heart”

Insert

Prayer of Confession*(in unison)*

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone....

When you see *
before something in
the service, please
rise in body or spirit.

It isn't easy to trace the source of most spiritual, But “*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*” seems to have originated in Virginia sometime around 1750. A Presbyterian named William Davies was preaching there when a slave came up to him and said that he wanted to learn more about how to become a Christian. He also wanted to learn more about Jesus Christ and how to live for him. Soon after that, this song appeared and became popular among African Americans in the South. Since the middle of the twentieth century, it has been used in churches of all denominations.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus. We are called to share this news with those around you by saying: “The peace of Christ be with you.”

All: And also with you.

Time for God’s Kids

Pastor Mike

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your words of love and grace this day. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 22:25-31

God’s word for God’s people.

Thanks be to God!

***“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

#72

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand

beside! (refrain)

MESSAGE

“SEEK TO GROW DEEP, NOT TALL ”

PASTOR MIKE

JOHN 15:1-8

***“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**

#457

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

*** Giving to God and Others** (*Offerings may be placed in the plates by each exit.*)

One: Having heard the good news and being assured of God’s love and grace, our only response is one of gratitude. Let us give thanks for what we have and who we are.

All: Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray and sing with thanksgiving.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Doxology #34

Prayers of the People 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Charge & Blessing

* Sending Song

“Song of Hope”

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing share our joy with all;
Working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

* Fellowship and Greeting

All are invited to a time of fellowship (and tasty treats) down in the Memorial Hall.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Glory to God Alone!

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons

Worship Leader: Logan Glanz

Greeters: Jaret, Kathi, Layla, & Liam Glanz

Candle Lighter: Onyx Zahller

Organist / Pianist: Leslie Woody and LuAnne Hoch

Sound & IT: Bill & Colette McCracken

Trombones: Dave Hoch, Saralynn Vetter, Rob Zahller

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