



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SANCTUARY 8:30 A.M. // MARCH 26, 2023



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

UNBOUND // PASTOR MICHAEL THORNTON
WEEK FIVE // “WHY?”

**“Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him,
she fell at his feet, saying to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here,
my brother would not have died.’”**

John 11:32

Find sermons from this series at firstprescos.org/watch

PRELUDE *Ada* - Stephen Lynerd Group
O Sacred Head Now Wounded - Stephen Lynerd Group

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONG OF ADORATION *Victory in Jesus*

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh God, Who holds all hopes secure, how can we not mourn the broken and dark corners of our world? Yet we seek to build a buffer from the hurt of our neighbor and the ache in our souls. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, God. We numb the grief that would proclaim Your great story that life is not supposed to be this way. But You shared in our sufferings, Jesus, and wept before resurrection. Lift our heads and open our hearts to be agents of Your mercy, and to look for stones to roll away. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS *He Never Failed Me Yet* - Robert Ray

SERMON

"Why?" John 11:28-37 (ESV) Michael Thornton

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joyous* - Stephen Lynerd Group



NEW HERE? We know that going to a new church for the first time is exciting. We want to help make your first experience at First Pres a great one! We can't wait to meet you. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Plaza to ask questions or take next steps to get connected.

The
Happenings

March 26, 2023



Find all upcoming events online.

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CALENDAR**

GIVE BACK THE BLESSING will help local partners Catholic Charities of Central Colorado and Springs Rescue Mission build housing for those in need. We'll also help global partners Eliu and Edgar Morales in San Pablo, Guatemala, improve access to quality water. Learn more at FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GBTB

EASTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Are you ready to serve the Lord and our thousands of Easter Sunday visitors? Find your best spot to serve at FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/LENT

HOLY WEEK: Palm Sunday features our usual Sunday schedule. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we'll worship at 6:30 p.m. We'll have five Easter services: 6:30 a.m. on the Weber Student Center Lawn; Sanctuary at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.; and Worship Center at 10 a.m. Learn more at FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/LENT

PRAYER VIGIL: As a church, we'll "watch and pray" with Christ from 8 p.m. April 6 to 8 p.m. April 7. Sign up for one or more 15-minute time slots at FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/LENT

SHARE THE JOY OF EASTER: Honor a loved one who has died by putting their name and yours in our Easter bulletin. Your contribution will also aid our Deacons Fund. Sign up at FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/LENT

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMPS: All seven of our summer camps are open for registration: Camp Elim, Middle School, High School, Upbeat Music & Drama, Fine Arts, String and VBS. Learn more and register at FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS

CAMP ELIM: Rising 3rd to 5th graders can spend a week filled with high-energy games, outrageous laughter with friends, and time with God. Adult leaders will walk alongside kids as they grow deeper in faith. Register at FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS

FOSTERING HOPE: If you are interested in joining a Fostering Hope/First Pres serving team or want info on how to help foster parents as a volunteer, come to our meeting Thursday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 210.

NEED PRAYER?

If you'd like prayer, please find a Pastor, or a Prayer Team member wearing a large red tag, after today's service, or email prayer@firstprescos.org.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Mr. Bob Boettner
Penrose Main

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Duane Ramthun
3/17/2023

For information on planning a memorial service, or to see upcoming memorials, go to [FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CARE](https://firstprescos.org/CARE)

FLOWER FUND GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

My mother, Lois Harsh
by Jeff Harsh

Gary Becker
by Ruth Becker & family

Daniel Jean, in honor of his birthday
by Evelyne Jean



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