

March 19, 2017 - 8:20 Traditional Service

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

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Refrain:

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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*

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Mark Israel, Stephen Hock, Jim Crosbie, Trumpet

**\* DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS**

**\* PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*\*WELCOME AND GREETINGS**

**\* SONG OF PRAISE**

*“Speak, O Lord”*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth; plant it deep in us.  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In Your acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow’r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds.  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us;  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises.  
And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your Church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Christine Sebby, Piano; James Bristow, Guitar;  
Jason Crowe, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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**COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son.

**PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**\* RESPONSE**

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The 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 on 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.

**LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION/NEW MEMBERS**

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**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Danny Shaw

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

*“Amazing Grace”* ..... arr. Taylor  
2nd-8th Grade Choirs  
Bethany Hanson, Director  
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**SERMON**

**PRODIGAL**

*“Return”*

*Luke 15:17-24*

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**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*"Coming Home" . . . . . Martin*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

### \* HYMN OF PREPARATION, No. 366

*"And Can It Be"*

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Refrain:*

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Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke — the dungeon flamed with light!  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. *Refrain*

No condemnation now I dread:  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own. *Refrain*

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### GATHERING SONG

*"Your Grace Finds Me"*

### WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Jennifer Holz - 9:45  
Matt Holtzman - 11:10

### CALL TO WORSHIP / OPENING PRAYER

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Praise the Lord.*

People: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

### SONGS OF WORSHIP

*"Good, Good Father"*  
*"How Can It Be"*

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

### LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION / NEW MEMBERS

### SACRAMENT OF ADULT BAPTISM

Tiffany Hodges-Harris - 9:45  
Anthony Langley - 11:10

### CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:10)

Kathy Dobyns

### SERMON

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### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*"Forever Reign"*

### BENEDICTION

\*Children are always welcome in worship. For those parents who prefer having a special program for their children, we have snack & praise time for young children (ages 3 - 2nd grade) during the 11:10 service. (Room S206). Watch for your child to return after the sermon. Questions? Call Children's Min. at 884-6126.

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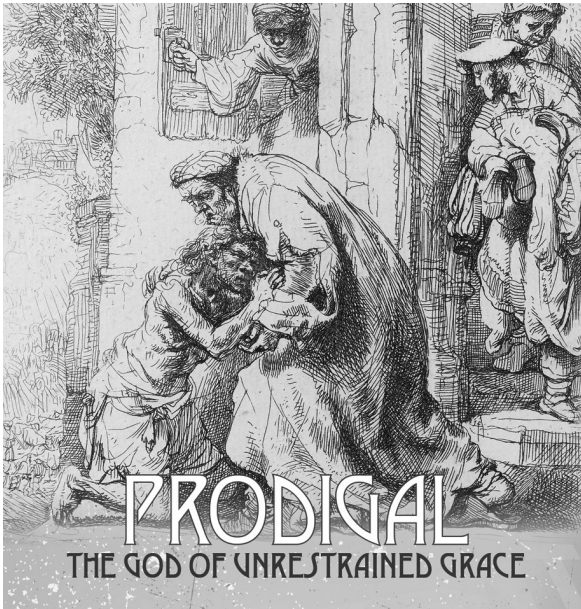
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Today we continue in our Lenten Series, **Prodigal: The God of Unrestrained Grace**. This series centers on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, found in Luke 15. The series will carry us throughout the Lenten season, including Easter Sunday, as we look at this parable and its themes of grace and forgiveness. The series dovetails with our Lenten Art Exhibition, "A Father & His Two Sons: The Art of Forgiveness," which includes 43 pieces by artists including Rembrandt, J.J. Tissot, and Thomas Hart Benton that were inspired by the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We encourage you to visit the exhibition and meditate on this powerful parable as we consider the story from the perspective of the father and both of his sons.

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## **NEW TO FIRST PRES?**

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### ***Welcome!***

We're glad you're here. Please join us after the morning worship services at Guest Central, just to the east of the Sanctuary. We'd love to meet you, offer refreshments and a welcome gift.

To get all the latest information, subscribe to the First Pres weekly e-blast at [www.first-pres.org/enews](http://www.first-pres.org/enews) and follow us on Facebook at First Pres Colorado Springs!

### **Worship Times**

Traditional Services

8:20 and 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Contemporary Services

9:45 a.m. in Weber Street Center; 11:10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRES

## **Palm Sunday Multi-Media Presentation**

Sunday, April 9, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary - "The Song of Forgiveness," *Celebrating the God of Unrestrained Grace* featuring The Sanctuary Choir, soloists and instrumental ensemble in a multi-media presentation based on the Gerbens Prodigal Son Art Collection. Admission is free.

## **Join us this Easter**

Worship with First Pres at one of our six services on Easter Sunday, April 16: Sunrise service at 6 a.m. on the Weber Street lawn, Sanctuary services at 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. and services in the Worship Center at 10 a.m. and noon. For all the details, visit [www.first-pres.org/easter](http://www.first-pres.org/easter).

## **Serve the Lord on Easter! Sunday, April 16**

Use your gifts to welcome others to worship! Sign up on the bulletins boards outside the Sanctuary, email [mfrieg@first-pres.org](mailto:mfrieg@first-pres.org) or sign up at [www.first-pres.org/eastervolunteer](http://www.first-pres.org/eastervolunteer).

## **Children's Bible Break**

Bible Break will continue as part of the 11 a.m. service once the new worship schedule begins next Sunday. Potty trained children ages 3 - Kindergarten can head to room 236 (a new location) after the children's sermon. Elementary aged children will remain in worship with their parents and will receive a worship bag full of materials to help them engage with the service. Students 5th grade and older may serve on a rotating basis as Bible Break volunteers. For more information and to register your child to attend or volunteer, visit [first-pres.org/children](http://first-pres.org/children) or contact Kathy Dobyms at 719-884-6127.

## **Family Ministries - 884-6117**

Spring Engaged Couples Workshop Weekend – Friday evening, April 28, and Saturday, April 29. Cost: \$80/couple which includes online survey, workbook and lunch on Saturday. Register now at [www.first-pres.org/ecw](http://www.first-pres.org/ecw).

## **Missions/City Engagement - 884-6233**

For info., call 884-6233, or visit [www.first-pres.org/missions](http://www.first-pres.org/missions).

**IHN/Family Promise host week** is March 26-Apr. 2. We still need volunteers to bring food and host!

**A Mission Team of teachers and school administrators** is forming to serve in Mongolia in August. Work alongside our friends in Campus Crusade Mongolia.

**Living Waters El Salvador Mission Trip:** May 28 – June 3. Volunteers are needed to make "no-sew" fleece blankets for the Dale House. Donate material or your time.

**A Mission Team will travel to Baton Rouge, LA,** to serve with Samaritan's Purse from April 22-30, as recovery from past hurricanes and floods continues. Call Don at 331-1879.

## *Share the Joy of Easter*

Share the Joy of Easter this year in memory of a loved one. Your contribution will provide lovely Easter flowers to people in our congregation who have lost a loved one recently to death and to our many Special Care Friends. The Easter Sunday bulletin will include the names of those being remembered. Forms can be found at the receptionist desks. Please return the completed form, along with a check made out to First Pres, to the Caring Ministries Office by Monday, April 3. Cost: \$10/person or married couple remembered.

**Youth Choirs Spring Concert** - Thursday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary. Dessert reception to follow in the Narthex.

### **Caring Ministries - 884-6145**

**Beginning the Journey of Grief** - April 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. When dealing with the loss of a loved one, grief and its many emotions may seem overwhelming. This one-evening workshop serves as a sample of the full seven-week Grief Workshop that will be offered in the Fall. Brochures are in the racks.

**Al-Anon Meeting**, Tuesdays, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., room 219. For those who have family/ friends who struggle with alcohol.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets over the noon hour Tuesdays & Fridays in room 030. AA is a fellowship of those who share their experience, strength, and hope that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from alcoholism.

### **Men's Ministries - 884-6119**

Men's monthly lunch at Jose Muldoon's – Tuesday, March 28, 11:45 a.m. – 1p.m.

**Do you enjoy technologies**, including video production & slide presentation? We need volunteers to assist in worship production in the Worship Center. Contact [ymobolade@first-pres.org](mailto:ymobolade@first-pres.org).

### **Reception Desk volunteers needed.**

Please contact Kim at 884-6144.

### **Student Ministries - 884-6220**

Foundations of Faith Class: Confirmation is an opportunity for 5th - 12th graders to take a huge step of ownership in their faith walk. Explore the basics of the faith in community and respond by being baptized or becoming a First Pres Covenant Partner. View details and register at [www.first-pres.org/foundations](http://www.first-pres.org/foundations).

### **Launchpoint (College Age - Young Adults)**

Monthly worship gathering tonight at 6 p.m. at 225 N. Weber. Contact Chuck Fowler at [youngadults@first-pres.org](mailto:youngadults@first-pres.org).

### **Adult Ministries - 884-6117**

The Stained Glass Bible presentation, Wednesday, March 22, 3:45-5:15 p.m., Sanctuary. Register at [www.first-pres.org/gtw](http://www.first-pres.org/gtw).

## Job Openings - 884-6190

**Worship Media Tech**, part-time; **Nursery Care Giver**, part-time; **Administrative Associate for Missions/Womens/MOPS**, full-time; **Night Custodian**, full-time.  
Contact [jtandy@first-pres.org](mailto:jtandy@first-pres.org) or [www.first-pres.org](http://www.first-pres.org).

### Worship Center Financial Update

Budget for the Worship Center . . . . . \$1,430,595  
Total Funds Raised through March 12 . . . . . \$ 760,807  
Remaining Balance for the Worship Center . . . . . \$ 669,788

*Thank you for your gifts and prayers as we invest in worship together and call on the Lord to fill the Worship Center with His presence!*

### Worship Time Change

We will officially open the new Worship Center on Sunday, March 26. Along with that we'll begin our new Sunday morning schedule. Services beginning that day will be at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, 9 a.m. in the Worship Center, 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 11 a.m. in the Worship Center. For more information and updates, visit [www.first-pres.org/worshipcenter](http://www.first-pres.org/worshipcenter).

## WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

**Mission Emphasis:** Along with raising his two young daughters, Randy Larsen works with EMI (Engineering Ministries International) in Recruiting and Development. Pray that Randy's personal walk with God will flourish as he works to inform and recruit people to reach the world through this unique ministry.

**Local Church:** Village Seven Presbyterian Church

**Pray for those in hospitals or short-term rehab:**

Penrose	Brookdale Village at Skyline
Mrs. Nancy Merrick	Mrs. Pansy Shorland
Ms. Anne Parker	Ms. Gayle Nichols
Mrs. Marian Simpson	
Mrs. Stephanie Parker	Advanced Health Rehab
	Mrs. Lorine Conrad
Health Care Resort	Ms. Melinda Schwebs
Mr. Larry McDermed	

## GIFTS TO SANCTUARY FLOWER FUND

In loving memory of:

Our son, M. Scott Billingsley, by Michael & Diane Billingsley  
Richard Blankinship by his wife, Barbara Blankinship

### MEMORIAM

Information on those who have gone to be with the Lord may be found at [www.first-pres.org/memorials](http://www.first-pres.org/memorials).

