

Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church Worship, May 9, 2021

• Psalm 98 • John 15:9-17

Bold = all read Regular = Leader \* = Stand as you are able

Prelude

*I've Got the Joy*

Organist, Julie Pulliam  
Tune George W. Cooke, Arr. Pepper Choplin

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

\*Call to Worship

Elder Jo Ann Flores

We gather to worship as people of Easter,  
**people who know Life is stronger than death.**

We gather to worship as children of God,  
**children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.**

We gather to worship as the body of Christ,  
**the church called out for service in the world.**

Easter people, Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**

\*Hymn:

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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1. **Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!**

3. **O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

2. **Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.**

Prayer for Renewal

(Please be seated)

Elder

Trusting in God's grace, let us seek renewal in God's grace. Let us pray...

**O God, whose love knows no bounds,  
forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness.**

**When we turn away from the goodness of your love,  
call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend.**

**When we stumble over the gift of your grace,  
lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent.**

**When we are certain that we are alone  
in the chaos of this world,  
shower us with peace,  
the gentle breeze of an evening rain.**

**When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace,**

**show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ,  
your love incarnate.  
Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short,  
and teach us to be agents of resurrection in the world.**

(A time for silent prayer)

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Amen. Hear the good news of God's promise:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Laura Sugg  
Acts 2:17, 21

**\*Gloria**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings:**

Psalm 98

John 15:9-17

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Laura Sugg  
Deacon Reader, Valerie Friedman

**Time with All Ages**

Linda Valo, Director of Christian Education

*Children and youth are invited to come up front and sit in family units on X marks the spot.  
(As the children come forward, please join in singing.)*

**This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.  
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.**

**Sermon**

**Special Music**

*All the Ends of the Earth*  
Katie Sakanai

by Bob Hurd

**Ordination and Installation**

(See ceremony below)

Elder Charles Cuthill, and **Installation** of Elder Marny Eulberg and Deacon Joanie Mickle

*Elders Jo Ann Flores and Ann Ludvigsen; and Deacons Valerie Friedman, Jeanne Miller, and Jeff Stimson have all agreed to serve second consecutive terms—thank you!*

**Prayers of the People concluding with the Lord's Prayer** ("forgive us our sins...")

**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.**

1. Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same?  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean  
In you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide  
If I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*The Fifers*

Organist, Julie Pulliam  
by Francois Dandrieu, Arr. E. Power Biggs

May 9, 2021 WRPC announcements

Greeter/Checkin: Roxanne Foster •

**WELCOME VISITORS!** Thank you for worshiping at Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church this morning. If you would like to know more about the life and ministry of this congregation, please check out the church Facebook page and the website [www.wrpres.org](http://www.wrpres.org). Know that all are welcome!

**CHILDREN & YOUTH IN WORSHIP** — Children and youth are invited to come forward for the "Time with All Ages". There is an **infant/toddler changing table** in the narthex restroom.

**OFFERING PLATE (box) is available next to the attendance table.** If this service is via Zoom, you can contribute through the website, [www.wrpres.org](http://www.wrpres.org).

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

- **Jim Piperato** was in the ER again. He had tests which revealed a subdural hematoma and will have a consultation with the docs at University Hospital today to determine a course of treatment for his headaches and deal with the subdural. Prayers for Jim and Betty as they deal with Jim's health problems.
- **Wally Pulliam** continues to recover at home. It's a difficult situation and Wally and Julie welcome your prayers.

## WORSHIP

- Sundays May 9, 16, 23, and -30 will be in-person outdoor worship services, weather permitting.
- The first Sundays of the month, when communion is offered, and any Sundays with inclement weather, worship will be via Zoom. (Please see the link in the Wednesday E-Post.)
- We will continue with masks and social distancing, but you no longer have to RSVP, just show up and we'll mark your presence (for contact tracing, if needed.) We will not be using umbrellas this month, so you may want to bring a hat. Chairs can also be brought and left in your car, in case we need the extra seating. And for everyone who has been wanting to sing, now you may, but still with masks on.
- There will be seats reserved for those who feel safer in a non-singing section.
- To improve both the **accessibility and safety of the Outdoor Worship Center** this summer.
  1. Outdoors, please **reserve the back row** closest to the ushers for those with **mobility issues and their families**.
  2. **Restrooms** can be found using the ramp down to the **double doors to the Christian Education wing**. Restrooms are to the left. All other doors to the church building will be locked during worship.

## FELLOWSHIP TIME VIA ZOOM will now be at 11:45 AM

This will allow time for folks who worship in person to return home.

## UPCOMING EVENT

**Mark your calendars** please for **Laura's final worship service here as pastor of WRPC**. It is **10:00 AM Sunday, May 30, in the Outdoor Worship Center** (weather permitting). Surprises are planned to celebrate the occasion and honor and thank Laura and Naomi for their time here at WRPC. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Marcia Hecox.

## MISSION

Mission Committee plans to have a Bake Sale on Sunday June 13th. We plan to have people order online or with calls to Marny from a virtual menu (like we did for the bake sale in September and the Mission Fair in November), but this time participants will pick up after worship that Sunday. All the orders will be packaged and ready for pick up. The proceeds will be to support Family Promise, the homeless families program. Look for more details and the menu in early June.

## CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday	May 9	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Worship via Zoom due to bad weather
		<b>11:45 AM</b>	Fellowship Time via Zoom Sunday
		<b>5:00 PM</b>	Session meeting via Zoom with Committee on Ministry Representatives
Thursday	May 13	7:00 pm	Session meeting via Zoom

## NEXT WEEK

Sunday	May 16	10:00 am	Worship OUTDOORS
		11:15 am	Deacons meeting in OWC
		11:45 am	Fellowship Time via Zoom Sunday
Tuesday	May 18	2:00 pm	Matthew 25 Coalition via Zoom

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## DENVER PRESBYTERY

Please be in prayer for Trinity Church in the Pines, the church leaders, the congregation and their pastor Rev. David Heil; Epworth Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Zimbabwe; and Committee on Ministry, the co-moderators, Rev. Jim Emig and Ruling Elder Judy Jensen and all of the members and staff that minister our churches.

## Service for Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders and Deacons

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

**Pastor:** Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord.

Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as Deacons, as Ruling Elders, and as Teaching Elders. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

**Ruling Elder:** Representing the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, Wheat Ridge Presbyterian Church now ordains and installs Charles Cuthill, to the office Ruling Elder. The church also now installs to active service those who have been previously ordained. To the office of Deacon, we install Joanie Mickle. Valerie Friedman, Jeanne Miller, and Jeff Stimson are serving second consecutive terms. and to the office of Ruling Elder, we install Marny Eulberg. Jo Ann Flores and Ann Ludvigsen are serving second consecutive terms. All these people are chosen by you, through the work of the Holy Spirit.

*Those preparing to be ordained or installed will present themselves before the congregation to answer the following questions:*

**Pastor:** Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Do you?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you? Do you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? Do you and will you?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and continually be guided by our confessions? Will you?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? Will you?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? Will you?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? Do you?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? Will you?

*(For a Ruling Elder)* Will you be a faithful Ruling Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? Will you?

*(For a Deacon)* Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? Will you?

*When the Ruling Elders and Deacons elect have answered in the affirmative, a Ruling Elder shall stand with them before the congregation and shall ask the congregation to answer the following questions:*

**Ruling Elder:** Do we, the members of the church, accept these members as Ruling Elders or Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so, say, "We do."

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? If so, say, "We do."

*Normally, those to be ordained would kneel for prayer and the laying on of hands by Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders. Given the pandemic, this will be adapted.*

Let us pray:

Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these people whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live.

*All the people will join in the following prayer.*

**People: God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

*The moderator shall say to the candidates:*

**Pastor:**

You are now Ruling Elders and Deacons in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. Amen.