

# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## Gathering Around the Word

### Prelude and Chiming of the Hour

Becky Carlisle

### Welcome and Announcements

Visitors, we are glad you are worshiping with us today and appreciate your filling out the visitor's card found in the pew rack. Please place it in the offering plate. Prayer request cards are in the pew racks if you wish to use them and bring them to the Communion Table during the Passing the Peace.

### Moment for Mission

*Elephant Rock Ride*

Mary McCarron

### Introit

"Jesus, Stand Among Us"

Choir

### \*Call to Worship

One: We come to a holy God.

**All: We come in awe and wonder.**

One: We come to a just God.

**All: We come to ask for help and forgiveness.**

One: We come to a loving God.

**All: We come seeking help and a hug.**

One: Let us worship the God who welcomes us all here!

### \*Opening Hymn #466 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

*Silent Prayers*

One: God of righteousness,

**All: our ideas, conversations, and behaviors often cause more harm than good. We are regularly pushed and pulled by the temptation to sin. But we know that your righteousness will prevail. Forgive what we have done or have failed to do. Reconcile us to your love each and every day. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Grace

\*Gloria Patri #579

\*Passing of the Peace

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer of Illumination

#### New Testament Reading Romans 6:1-14

One: For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Honoring of Graduates, Teachers and Promotion of Students

*(Children, please remain upstairs as there will be no Junior Church this morning.)*

### Anthem

"May You Be Blessed" (McIntyre)

Choir

### Sermon

*What to Say Now*

Rev. Bill Davis

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn #495 We Know That Christ is Raised

\*Affirmation of Faith *Adopted from the PC(USA) Study Catechism, Question 85*

One: What is the nature of resurrection hope?

**All: Resurrection hope is a hope  
for the transformation of this world,  
not a hope for escape from it.  
It is the hope that evil in all its forms  
will be utterly eradicated,  
that past history will be redeemed,  
and that all the things that ever were  
will be made new.**

**It is the hope of a new creation,  
a new heaven and a new earth,  
in which God is really honored as God,  
human beings are truly loving,  
and peace and justice reign on earth.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

...by your grace, O God, **raise us from death into life.**

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**

Invitation to Give

Offertory:

"Pastorale" (Rossini)

Michael & Meryl Geib

\*Doxology (#592)

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Being Sent by the Word*

\*Closing Hymn #538 Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Benediction Response Verse 4 from #2241 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

Tune: Land of Rest

*Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.*

*God's spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.*

**Postlude**

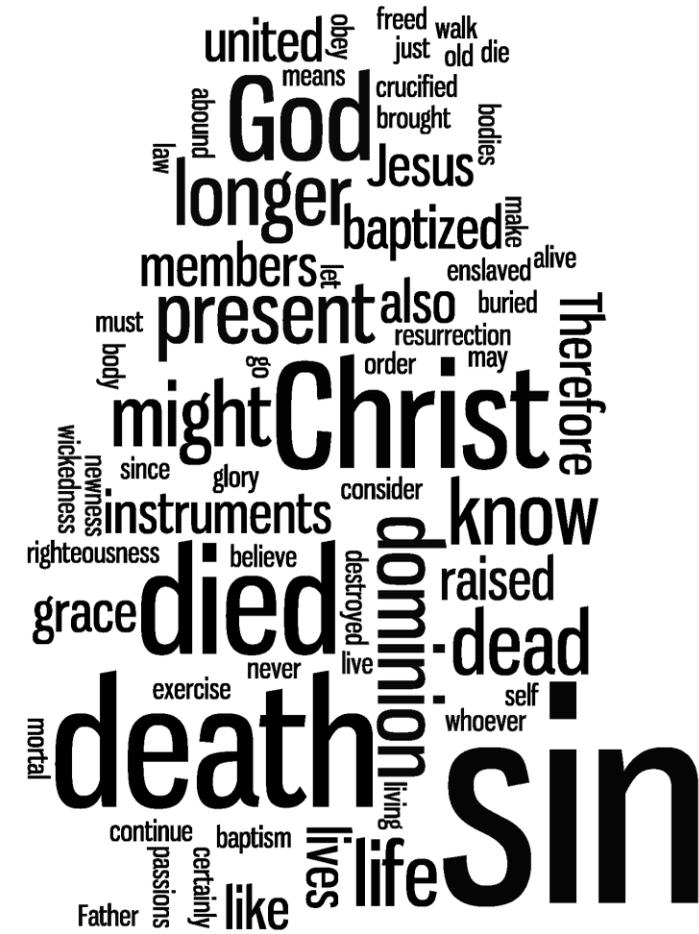
\*Those who are able please stand

*Everyone is invited downstairs in Fellowship Hall following worship for coffee or punch and light refreshments.*

**PASTOR:** Rev. Bill Davis

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Becky Carlisle

**LAY READER:** Norm Rasmussen



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*May 17, 2015*  
*7th Sunday of Easter*

**CALENDAR**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Last Day of Sunday School</b> <b>Honoring of Grads, Teachers, and Promotion Sunday</b> CE Workgroup meeting Fellowship Hall Rental End of year Youth Group Party	11:15 a.m. 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
<b>MONDAY</b>	Classroom Reserved (FH) (Spanish GED)	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Retired Nurses (FH) Classroom Reserved (Spanish GED) Session Meeting (FH)	8:00 a.m. - noon 9:00 a.m. – noon 6:30 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Classroom Reserved (FH) (Spanish GED) Beer, the Bible, and Some Big Questions (Meet at Wonderland Brewing, 5450 W. 120 <sup>th</sup> Ave.)	6:00 – 9:00 p.m. 6:46 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Classroom Reserved (FH) (Spanish GED) Staff Meeting Sometime Circle (FH)	9:00 a.m. – noon 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Shepherds' Hall Rental	12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red!</b> Adult Sunday School Classes	8:30 a.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Barb Mitchell on vacation – May 26 to June 8
- Pricing & Set up for Garage Sale – June 1 – 4, 8 am to noon
- New Beginnings Assessment – SH – 7:00 pm – Wed., June 3
- Church Garage Sale – Friday, June 5 & Sat., June 6 – 8 am – 2 pm
- Summer Worship Hour of 9:00 am begins Sunday, June 7
- Youth Mission Trip – June 15 – 21
- Summer Sabbath Worship – Saturday, June 27 – 6:00 p.m.
- NO Worship on Sunday, June 28
- Vacation Bible Camp – June 29 – July 3
- Registration Forms are available now in Narthex & Office

**Bill can be reached on the church office phone at 303-452-5478 or on his church cell phone at 720-626-6428. His e-mail is bill@thegoodshepherd.org.**

**THE WEEKLY NEWS**

*May 17, 2015*



**WELCOME** friends, new and old! May God's presence bring warmth, enlightenment and joy as we worship together. We invite everyone to join us downstairs following worship for a coffee/punch and light refreshments.

A nursery is available downstairs for children ages birth to 5 years.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 GRADUATES:**

<i>Shelby Dove</i>	<i>Thornton High School</i>
<i>Shea Hood</i>	<i>Mountain Range High School</i>
<i>Kristiana Watson</i>	<i>Northglenn High School</i>
<i>Emily Dove</i>	<i>Baylor University – BA in International Studies</i>
<i>Jordan Hood</i>	<i>University of Colorado – BS in Integrative Physiology</i>

**THE MAY/JUNE ISSUE OF THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK** is available in your e-mail and on the website. For those who do not have internet access, copies are available in the Narthex.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available on the shelf in the Narthex.

**CHOIR NEWS** There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those of you who would be willing to provide special music (vocal or instrumental) for worship during the summer months when the choir is on break. The choir's last Sunday to sing is May 17 so we will need volunteers from May 24 through Labor Day to provide the anthem (and offertory if you wish). Please sign up. Thank you! **AND....** Each second Sunday of the summer (**June 14, July 12, August 9**) members of the congregation are encouraged to come at 8:00 to rehearse with other members who happen to show up. That group of people, the "**Pick Up Choir**" will sing on those Sundays. The music will, obviously, be simple pieces, that can be learned quickly and successfully by just a few, or many, singers.

**BEER, THE BIBLE, AND SOME BIG QUESTIONS** Have you ever wondered about some of the "big questions" of our faith...

*Why do bad things happen to good people?*

*Why is there evil in the world?*

*What are we to make of the contradictions in the Bible?*

This summer we'll wrestle with some of these tough questions. We'll explore what the Bible has to say about them, as well as current and historical theologians. And we'll share our own views and ideas about these big questions. We'll also explore topics such as creation, creativity, hell, doubt, evangelism, and more. And we'll do it over a good drink. I hope you'll join us for the first **Beer, the Bible, and Big Questions on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:46pm**. We'll meet up at Wonderland Brewing, located at 5450 W 120<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Bill or Marsha for more information, or to suggest a question for us to wrestle with.

**GOOD SHEPHERD IS ONE OF FOUR CHURCHES IN DENVER PRESBYTERY PARTICIPATING IN THE NEW BEGINNINGS** process. On Wednesday June 3rd we will be visited by Barbara Smith for our assessment. Barbara will take a tour of our buildings and neighborhood, spend time with the finance folks, go over our calendar, and lead a time of learning and reflection for the entire congregation. Please plan on joining us at 7pm on June 3rd in Shepherd's Hall for this great discussion!

**HAVE YOU ENJOYED BEING A PART OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY IN WORSHIP AND SERVICE TO OTHERS**, in education and fellowship, but have yet to join the church as a member? If you are interested in becoming a member of Good Shepherd, please speak with Bill Davis or Mary Archuleta. Those interested in becoming members will be invited to spend some time with Pastor Bill exploring what being a Presbyterian here at Good Shepherd is all about.

**THE 2CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERINGS** for the first 4 months of 2015 totaled \$460.00. (May's offering hasn't yet been counted). As always, this money is divided equally between our food bank and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Thanks, everyone!

**THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE ZIMBABWE MISSION PARTNERSHIP** will take place on Sunday, June 7 as a part of the **Elephant Rock Bike Ride** at Douglas County Fairgrounds. So far, Good Shepherd has 2 riders registered: **Michael Whitman and Stephen Chappell**. To sponsor either of them please go to: <https://fundraising.active.com/event/TeamZimbabwe>. Scroll down the list of featured riders to "view all", which will take you to the entire list. Then choose the rider you wish to sponsor. That will bring up their personal page. It's very easy! For those who/prefer to donate/sponsor by check, make the check out to ZMP (not to GSPC), and, in the memo space please write Team Zimbabwe and the name of the rider you are supporting (either Michael Whitman or Stephen Chappell). Joyce will see that the checks get to the right place. Proceeds from the Bike Ride provide at least one-third of the annual budget for the expenses at the Heather Chimhoga Orphan Care Center in Zimbabwe and are critical to its program. Please consider making a contribution, by June 7, to this long-time Partnership to which Good Shepherd belongs. For more information about the Zimbabwe Mission Partnership, or to register as a rider, please go to: [www.Zimpartnership.org](http://www.Zimpartnership.org)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF GSPC THROUGH THE GROCERY CARD REWARD PROGRAMS!** So far this year Good Shepherd has earned a total of \$696.19 through these programs - \$680.87 from King Soopers and \$15.32 from Albertsons. We need \$2,149.80 more in reloads to get a Safeway reward. Keep up the good work in your support. Good Shepherd thanks you! If you need a card or have any questions about the program, please contact Mary Archuleta. Safeway Community Giving cards are \$10 per card; King Soopers Neighbor Reward Program cards are \$25.00 each. Reload cards at the grocery store with additional amounts. The original purchase price is already loaded on the cards. Albertson's Community Partner cards are free. Continue supporting Good Shepherd when you buy groceries. Thank you!

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR MAY:** Canned chicken, mac & cheese, toilet paper and bar soap. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. Thank you! During April the Food Bank gave out 166 orders to 124 households serving 435 people, including 170 children. Thank you for your continued support for this important mission.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Barb Mitchell will be on vacation from May 26 to June 8 and will need a few volunteers to fill in while she is gone. The specific dates needed are: Thurs., May 28, and Friday, June 5, 8:30am – noon. Thank you to Julie Klahn, Mary Kennedy, Mary McCarron, Mary Ann Gines and Judy Ezzell who have already volunteered to cover some of the days.

**Flock Notes**

**Birthdays May 17 to May 25**

May 17	Maggie Fauber	May 24	Jerry Zarret
May 18	Jen Keep	May 25	Megan McGillin
May 19	Maxine Chappell		Vera Wilkinson
May 24	Melina Mendez		

**Here's What's Happening**----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers----**Jerry & Jacque Noland**, as Jerry continues his struggle with health issues----All those fighting cancer: **Arden Cronn, Carrie Boardman, Daniel Leieritz, Sue Coleman, Tom McConnell, Betty Casady, Donna Cadwallader, Janett Rafferty**----Those seeking employment----Each week we include a request for prayers for one of our church's mission projects: This week pray for clients and volunteers at the **Ralston House**---As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us be in prayer this week for: **Mountain View Community Church, St. Columba's Presbyterian Church in Zimbabwe and Self-Improvement Opportunities Mission Partnership**---Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

**GINGERSNAP:** The only person you can change is yourself.