

Offering
Call for the Offering
Offertory
*Sung Response

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

Ostinato Refrain

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949
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*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn 113 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*Charge and Benediction We Are Called (refrain)

*We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

*Postlude

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Please join us downstairs following worship for refreshments and fellowship.

PASTOR: Rev. Bill Davis
CENTUS COUNSELOR: Georgia Angelo

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle
LAY READER: Fred Finke



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
Northglenn, Colorado
A Service of Word and Prayer
April 8, 2018 10:00 a.m.

Gathering Music
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome and Announcements

We are glad you are worshiping with us today! If you are visiting, we appreciate your filling out the information card found in the pew rack. Please place it in the offering plate. Parts in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

*Lighting of the Christ Candle and Morning Prayer

*Call to Worship

Just as God breathed humanity to life so God continues to breathe into us the Spirit.

Through the Spirit, we are made alive!

When we struggle to perceive the beauty around us, the needs of our neighbor, our own belovedness:

The Spirit awakens us.

Although the world makes threats and encourages fear in our communal work of Love:

The Spirit of God is within us.

Let us worship our life-giving God.

*Opening Hymn 122 Thine is the Glory

*Call to Prayer

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

**Creator God, in this season of Easter,
we see and believe that resurrection is true.**

**The signs of new life are everywhere,
if we would just open our eyes to see them.**

**Light and life are returning as the days get longer
and new life is bursting from the earth.**

Jesus is risen from the dead;
 although we cannot see him physically,
 we know he is here with us.

Doubt and disbelief melt away
 as we get to know you and trust your Son.

Forgive us when we slip into doubt and despair
 that so easily becomes a pattern of negativity which stifles hope.

Forgive us when we listen to the voices of those
 who disbelieve and would try to turn us away from you.

The risen Jesus offered his disciples the words of peace;
 may we too hear these words today
 and may they comfort and renew us.
 Amen.

***Sung Response** God Welcomes All

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
 God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
 And also with you.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31 (p. 883)

For the Word of God in scripture,
 For the Word of God among us,
 For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Because He Lives” (Gaither)

Choir
 Bill Davis

Time with the Children

Sung Response I Love to Tell the Story (refrain)

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry, to
 tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Rev. Bill Davis

***Hymn** These Things did Thomas Count as Real (on insert)

***Affirmation of Faith**

Alleluia, we believe!
In the God of life and goodness, in the Christ who brings us home,
in the Spirit who comforts and keeps us, Alleluia, we believe!
In our many gifts for serving, in the call of each disciple,
in church whose work is love, Alleluia, we believe!
In the saints who pray for us, in the scriptures that bring us truth,
in the sacraments that give grace, Alleluia, we believe!
In the hope of resurrection, in the rising to eternal life,
in the dawning of God's reign, Alleluia, we believe!
May we ever be true to all we believe, and our song ever be “Alleluia!” Amen.

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 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.

CALENDAR

TODAY	Worship and Music Workgroup Fellowship Hall Rental Youth	11:15 a.m. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
MONDAY	Pub Theology (Old Chicago – 102 nd & Grant) Scouts	5:30 p.m. 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY	Outreach/Mission Workgroup	10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	Children in Worship Mtg. Bible Study Choir	2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	Fellowship Hall Rental (Archuleta)	8:00 a.m. - noon
NEXT SUNDAY	Special Called Congregational Mtg. to elect Nominating Comm. Members Fellowship Hall Rental No Youth Group	11:00 a.m. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Long-Term Vision Workgroup – Mon., Apr. 16 – 6:30 p.m.
 Session – Tues., Apr. 17 – 6:30 p.m.
 Sometime Circle – Thurs., Apr. 19 – 12:30 p.m. – iHop
 Barb Mitchell on vacation – April 23 – 28
 Mother's Day Flower Sale – Sat., May 12 – 10:00 a.m. – noon (Narthex)

Visit us on on-line at thegoodshepherd.org for more information on upcoming events.

Pastor Bill can be reached on the church office phone at 303-452-5478 or on his cell phone at 720-378-2025. His e-mail is bill@thegoodshepherd.org.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

256 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

1 These things did Thom - as count as real: the warmth of
 2 The vi - sion of his skept - tic mind was keen e -
 3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied that one could
 4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve and thus the

blood, the chill of steel, the grain of wood, the heft of
 nough to make him blind to an - y un - ex - pect - ed
 live when one had died, un - til his fin - gers read like
 ris - en Christ re - ceive, whose raw im - print - ed hands reached

stone, the last frail twitch of blood and bone.
 act too large for his small world of fact.
 Braille the mark - ings of the spear and nail.
 out and beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

This 20th-century text provides a helpful corrective to a long history of negative attitudes toward Thomas for failing to believe the other disciples' report that Christ had risen. His fact-seeking "skeptical mind" sounds remarkably modern and makes him a more sympathetic figure.

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THE WEEKLY NEWS

April 8, 2018



WELCOME friends, new and old! May God's presence bring warmth, enlightenment and joy as we worship together. Please join us downstairs following worship for refreshments and fellowship.

A nursery is provided for children ages birth to 5 years.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the Narthex.

THE APRIL-MAY ISSUE OF THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK is available on your email and on the web site. For those without internet access, there are hard copies of the newsletter in the Narthex.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2018 is in the Narthex. Sign up for your Sunday to commemorate a special day, a special person, etc. There are lots of open dates available! Arrangements are \$20.00 each.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR APRIL: Mac & Cheese, bar soap, and toilet paper. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank. During February the Food Bank gave out 98 orders to 76 households, serving 264 clients, including 97 children.

NOTE OF THANKS *I would like to thank all those who have sent cards, meals, prayers, and assistance over the past couple of weeks. This has been a truly humbling experience for someone who has spent his life being very independent. It is comforting to know my church family has been there for me through a difficult time. You are very much appreciated. Thank you again, David Blount*

BLESSING BAGS Please join GSPC Youth Group to collect socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mini bars of soap, mini shampoo and mini lotion bottles, chapstick, small packages of Kleenex, gallon size zip loc bags for our Blessing Bags. Youth Group will be collecting these items from now thru May to assemble Blessing Bags (gallon size zip loc bags) for adults & children who need our help from our GSPC Food Bank. Please help us fill up our Blessing Bags to assist those in need. Please place your donated items in the bins in the Narthex.

Tip: Make a *Blessing Bag* at home and keep it in your car to hand out to someone in need that you see!

YOU & ME CAMPS OFFER A UNIQUE INTERGENERATIONAL EXPERIENCE for campers both young and old exploring the beauty of God's creation together. Spend a half-week at Highlands doing activities like archery, canoeing, nature hikes, making crafts to bring home, and simply spending time together. Enjoy this memorable experience of sharing a place you love with special loved ones. Register online at www.highlandscamp.org.

IF YOU LOST A WOMAN'S RING LAST SUNDAY, please call the Church Office. One was turned in to Barb that was found in the women's restroom on Monday.

WOMEN'S RETREAT MAY 4-6 "What NOT to Wear", A Make-Over Retreat for your Spirit, will be held at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs. Do you have clothes in your closet you haven't worn in years, but just can't let go? Do you have outfits that make you feel spectacular and others that make you feel dumpy? It's the same way with life. The attitude you choose to "wear" every day will affect how you feel, how you interact with others, and how well your day goes. We are going to get busy and clean some closets together with the goal of fully engaging in and appreciating every day. Join us for this wonderful women's weekend led by Rev. Barb Lefevre Lyons. Register early! More information is available at denpres.org/events or Sharon Blackstock at dwrightandsharon@msn.com. You deserve a weekend for you!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE RECENT SCHOOL FEES FUNDRAISER FOR THE HEATHER CHIMHOGA ORPHAN CARE CENTER IN ZIMBABWE. \$880 was raised this year!! That will cover school fees for at least 15 children for an entire year. Well done, Good Shepherd!

THE MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE will be on Saturday, May 12. More details and the order forms will be in the bulletin next week.

Flock Notes

Here's What's Happening---Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---**Patty & Paul Steward and Family** on the death of Patty's mother, **Rose Larusso**, on April 2, 2018---All those fighting cancer: **David Blount, Becky Carlisle, Sue Coleman, Colleen Eastman, Conerd F., Debby Ghittini, Tom McConnell, Marsha Morton, Norman McCormick, Christopher Utterback**---Linda Keck thanks everyone for their prayers for her sister, **Linda Kopp**. After surgery & radiation, her cancer is gone!---Continue to pray for our **military men & women and our first responders**---Each week we include a request for prayers for one of our church's mission projects: This week pray for the **clients and volunteers of our Food Bank**---As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us pray for: **Genesis Presbyterian Church; Trojani Presbyterian Church in Zimbabwe; and Highlands Camp Joint Committee**---Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP: Life doesn't get better by chance, it gets better by change.

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