



Church of the Hills
Presbyterian Church (USA)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“Faith, Hope and Love”

Psalm 33

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

John 20:24-29

Tim Clancy

April 26, 2026

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

“Open the Eyes of My Heart with Be Thou My Vision”

performed by Phyllis Pieffer

Welcome

Tim Clancy

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

People: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Leader: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

People: Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

Leader: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

People: For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

****Opening Hymn**

“Our God Our Help in Ages Past”

Purple Hymnal 687 (v. 1, 2, 6)

Our God, our help in ages past, our
hope for years to come, our shelter from the
stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy
saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine
arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Our God, our help in ages past, our
hope for years to come, be thou our guard
while life shall last, and our eternal home.

****Invitation to Confession**

Kelly Selva

Leader: In as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

****Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness.

People: Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us share our peace with another.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

****Response to Forgiveness**

"Christ Is Alive"

Purple Hymnal 246 (v. 1)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands
empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 33

- ¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
- ² Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- ⁷ He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
- ⁹ for he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- ¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.
- ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.
- ¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth—
- ¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
- ¹⁷ The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.

¹⁸ Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
¹⁹ to deliver their soul from death
and to keep them alive in famine.
²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and shield.
²¹ Our heart is glad in him
because we trust in his holy name.
²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹³ If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

Ministry of Music

“Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

performed by the Choir

Gospel Reading

John 20:24-29

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Sermon

“Faith, Hope and Love”

**Response to Sermon

“Our Hope, Our Life”

Purple Hymnal 847 (v. 1, 4)

Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we
honor and confess. Why crave renown or
opulence? They fade, those things we now possess.

Beyond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a
better destiny: the Lord will lift us
free from death to swell in praise eternally.

**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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” Purple Hymnal 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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.

****Closing Hymn** “Hope of the World” Purple Hymnal 734

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion:
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
save us thy people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life:
still let thy Spirit unto us be given
to heal earth’s wounds and end our bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light:
walk thou beside us lest the tempting by ways
lure us away from thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
from death and deep despair, from sin and guilt:
we render back the love thy mercy gave us;
take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o’er death victorious,
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain:
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;
thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude “The Solid Rock (My Hope is Built on Nothing Less)”

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

Biography of Today’s Guest Minister, Tim Clancy

Tim Clancy is the Shelter Manager for the Evergreen Christian Outreach (EChO) Shelter, being hosted by the Church of the Hills in the lower level.

He is a native of Michigan, who moved to Evergreen, CO twenty-four years ago, by way of a 10-year residence in Duluth, MN. Tim has retired from a 35-year career as a healthcare executive working with faith-based hospitals, physician groups, and health systems furthering their mission of caring for the sick.

Tim spends his free time enjoying walking and hiking and spending as much time as possible with his wife Joan, his three daughters, his son and five grandchildren.



For Pastoral Care:

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A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

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Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the following week's communication publications and job tasks.

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