

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 | 11:00 am

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Meditation* | Duke Ellington

INTROIT *Come Sunday* | Duke Ellington

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Felice Price, The Gathering Place

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,

Who do not turn to the proud,

To those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,

Your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;

None can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,

They would be more than can be counted.

*HYMN 276 *Sing a New Song Unto the Lord* |

SING A NEW SONG

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Celtic Alleluia | Christopher Walker

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Now He is living, the Christ.

Out of the tomb He is risen!

He has conquered death,

opened heaven to all believers.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia.

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *Something 'Bout Believing* | Duke Ellington

SERMON TEXT Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON *Witnesses* | The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

*HYMN 137 *He Came Down* | HE CAME DOWN

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.

CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

To give by text, text "Wellshire" to 73256.

You will be taken to a secure online giving form.

OFFERTORY *Heaven* | Duke Ellington

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FROM WORSHIP TO SERVICE

*HYMN 273 *He Is King of Kings* | HE IS KING

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Praise God* | Duke Ellington

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr., Pastor

The Rev. Katie Robb Davis, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Julia Fenn, Parish Associate

Allison McQueen, Director of Children's Ministries

Christine Gaudreau, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Patrick Lee, Principal Pianist and Accompanist

Kirsten Carpenter-Ortman and Brendan Schuster, soloists

Steve Cearley, Mark Heneghan, and Corinne Willer, Production

Cover art: *Ascension* by Eddie Guzman

The musical selections this Sunday are excerpts from Duke Ellington's Three Sacred Concerts, which he composed between 1965 and 1973 for Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Special thanks to Patrick Lee for today's special arrangements.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School

Children are invited to leave the Sanctuary following the Time with Children for Sunday School. Parents can pick up their children in the Children's Suite after the service. Childcare for infants through preschoolers is available in rooms 109 and 111.

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:00 am: Choir/band rehearsal

8:45 am to 12:15 pm: Childcare for infants – preschoolers

9:00 am: First service
Children's Sunday School

10:00 am: Adult education
Choir rehearsal
Childcare (Infants through 5th grade)

11:00 am: Second service
Children's Sunday School

4:15 pm: Cherub and Children's Choir Rehearsals (4/21)

4:30 pm: Middle School Youth Group

5:45 pm: All Youth Worship

6:30 pm: High School Youth Group

Pioneers

Monday, April 15, 6:45 pm, room 208

Mary Zuchegno will lead us in the final session of "Half Truths."

Anyone 50 and older is invited to participate. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Martha Cearley at martha@cearley.us.

Membership Exploration Class

Next Sunday, April 21, 12:00 pm

Membership at Wellshire is open to ALL! Join the pastors for lunch and an informal information session and a get-to-know-you. Those interested in this formal commitment will join on Sunday, April 28. RSVP to Rev. Katie Robb Davis at krobbdavis@wpcdenver.org.

Vacation Bible School Reveal

Sunday, April 21, 10:15 am, Memorial Garden

Don't miss the Vacation Bible School reveal party! Come for fellowship, fun, food, and exciting news about Vacation Bible School 2024! Vacation Bible School will take place June 17 – 20 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Welcome visitors! We are glad you're here.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the welcome table in the Narthex.

If this is your first visit or you need to update your contact information, please scan the QR code and fill out the short Visitor Information Form.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Adult Education

Wisdom from the Early Church

Sundays, 10:00 am, room 208

Join Rev. Julia Fenn as we explore the early years of the church and the wisdom and systems that our spiritual ancestors discovered and put into place.

Raise Your Voice and Join One of Wellshire's Choirs

Adult Choir Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, April 17. Our next Children's and Cherub Rehearsal will take place on April 21 at 4:15 pm. For more information, please email Christine Gaudreau at cgaudreau@wpcdenver.org.

Sabbatical

After ten years of ministry at Wellshire, Rev. Katie Robb Davis will take sabbatical leave for reflection, refreshment, and renewal from May 1 – August 1. Sabbatical leave is deeply rooted in God's model and commandments. This leave every seven years is included in a pastor's terms of call, and approved by the Session. Katie plans to encounter God in her garden and summer delights with her family, including travel to Montreat's Music and Worship conference in June. Her duties during this time will be graciously covered by the rest of the pastoral staff.

Denver Bronze

Saturday, May 11, 7:00 pm, Wellshire Sanctuary

Denver Bronze presents "A Colorado Portrait" featuring pieces composed or arranged by talented Colorado composers as well as music inspired by the Rocky Mountains. We will also offer the premier performance of *Rocky Mountain Portrait*, by Jason Krug and commissioned by Denver Bronze. Please join us for this handbell tribute to Colorado. Tickets are available at the door or online at www.denverbronze.org. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 13 and up, children 12 and under are free.

CALENDAR

APRIL 17	Adult Choir Rehearsals Resume
APRIL 21	Vacation Bible School Reveal Party – 10:15 am Membership Exploration Class – 12:00 pm
APRIL 28	New Members Join – 11:00 am Service
MAY 11	Denver Bronze – 7:00 pm
MAY 17	Kantorei Performing M. Roger Holland, II – 7:30 pm
MAY 18	Baroque Chamber Orchestra – 7:30 pm

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