

Program Participants

Presiding: Adrian Miller, Executive Director, CCC and member of Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Morning Prayer and Benediction: Rev. Tamara Boynton is an ordained United Church of Christ clergy serving as the Minister of Spiritual Diversity at Regis University in Denver. In addition, she serves the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence there as the Interim Assistant Director.

Preacher: The Most Reverend Pablo Burson serves as the Presiding Bishop of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion. He has had the joy and privilege of being connected to the Church of the Beloved as co-founder since 2004. Located in Northglenn, Colorado, is one of five ECC communities on the Front Range. Bishop Burson received his Master of Divinity degree in 1985 and has since worked in the Hispanic Community for over 20 years.

Offertory: Rev. Stan Adamson is a retired pastor with the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks. He is the current chair of the Board of Directors for the Colorado Council of Churches.

Worship Service Support: Wesley Moncrief, CCC Social Justice Fellow, is a Master of Social Justice and Ethics student at the Iliff School of Theology.

ASL Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired: Barbara Ardoin.

Musical Worship Leaders

Blood Brothers (Lance Swaeringin-Guitar and Vocals, Josh Harwood-Guitar and Vocals, Bob Brown-Bass, Troy Steinbach-Keys and Vocals, Jay Genender-Fiddle, Taylor Mead-Drums, and Sarah Bauer, vocalist), Sharon Hicks, and Father Michael Nicosia.

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"Walking Together in Faith, Working Together for Justice"
Through the work of task forces, we address issues of Christian Unity and interfaith relationships as well as issues of justice that affect the poor, voiceless and marginalized in our society. While promoting unity, we celebrate diversity and the sacred humanity of every child of God.

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THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



RED ROCKS AMPHITHEATRE
Morrison, Colorado

Sunday, April 9, 2023

6:00 a.m.

Sponsored by

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Sharon Hicks and Fr. Nicosia

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning. The obstacles we expect to face have been rolled away.

People: **Where once death and despair laid locked in time, now the bright light of hope sprouts wings.**

Leader: And all who encounter the Risen One will join the Resurrection Procession.

People: **Some of us will sing.
Some of us will silently soak it all in.
All of us will experience the joy.**

Leader: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

WELCOME Adrian Miller

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Tamara Boynton

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Tamara Boynton

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

MUSICAL WORSHIP Blood Brothers

INVITATION TO OFFERING Rev. Stan Adamson

THE OFFERTORY Blood Brothers

***BLESSING OF THE OFFERING**

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

***THE EASTER GOSPEL** Luke 24:1-12

SERMON "Signs and Wonders" Bishop Pablo Burson

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** "Amazing Grace"

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear,
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear,
The hour I first believed.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we've first begun.**

BLESSING & SENDING FORTH Rev. Tamara Boynton

POSTLUDE Blood Brothers

**We have gathered to worship!
We now go forth to serve!**

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