

Rise, and  
Do Not Be  
Afraid

Matthew 17:1-9



**SHEPHERD**  
OF THE HILLS  
Presbyterian Church

**FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*WORSHIP IN SONG**

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

*Psalm 34 Taste and See*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*WORSHIP IN SONG**

*Trust in God*

**PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Often called the Black National Anthem, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* was written in 1900 by James Weldon Johnson and set to music by his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson. The hymn moves from struggle to hope, from lament to trust in God's guiding presence. As a predominantly white congregation, we sing it with humility and gratitude—honoring its roots in the lived experience of Black Americans and committing ourselves to listen, learn, and join in the ongoing work of justice and reconciliation.

**SERMON**

Rev. Matt Syrdal

**"Rise, and Do Not Be Afraid"**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*WORSHIP IN SONG**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples #434*

**BLESSING**

\*Please stand in body or spirit

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY

- ◆ **NURSERY CARE** is provided today.
- ◆ **KIDS CONNECTION** meet downstairs to explore Old Testament Stories.
- ◆ **HEART & HOPE GATHERING** after worship in the Community Room. Head in for a deeper connection to your fellow church-goers.

## UPCOMING

- ◆ **PRESIDENT'S DAY** Monday February 16. The church offices will be closed in observance.
- ◆ **QUEEN CITY JAZZ & PANCAKE SUPPER**  
Tuesday February 17. Pancake Supper starts in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm for a freewill offering. Queen City Jazz starts at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary. Concert tickets available in the Narthex after worship.
- ◆ **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** Wednesday February 18 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Join us for a contemplative worship service with a ceremony of ashes.
- ◆ **INQUIRER'S LUNCH** Sunday February 22 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Come learn what it means to be a member of the church. RSVP by calling 303-238-2483.
- ◆ **PILLOW HUGS STUFF DAY** Monday February 23 from 9am-1pm. No sewing required! All welcome.
- ◆ **GRIEF GROUP** Tuesday February 24 at 3:30pm in the Community Room.
- ◆ **CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSAL** Wednesday February 25 at 6:15pm for Bells and 7:15pm for Choir.
- ◆ **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT** Thursday February 26 at either 10:30am or 7:00pm. Both are on Zoom.

Sign up to provide Sunday morning altar flowers using the forms in the Narthex. Flowers are \$50 and can be dedicated in honor, memory or appreciation of a special person or event.