



**Jo Fusco**

**11/22/1938 - 02/11/2026**

**Liturgy for the Celebration of Life**

**10:30am**

**March 14, 2026**

**First Presbyterian Church, Sanctuary**

**1159 East Third Avenue**

**Durango, Colorado**

Participants:

The Rev. John Welton, pastor  
Kathy Kolbe, keyboard & organ  
Rev. Beau Smith  
Tom Kysar  
The FPC Sanctuary Choir

Speakers:

Rev. Bill Postler  
Ken, Deborah, and Johanna  
Annie, Mac, and Hannah  
Gail and Jeanne  
Ken Fusco Sr.

Celebration of Life for Jo Fusco  
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*The Lord's Prayer*

FPC Sanctuary Choir

Words of Welcome

Rev. John Welton

**ONE:** As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God.

**ALL:** As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, says the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn (370)

*This Is My Father's World*

Call to Confession

**ONE:** Let us now ask God to cleanse our hearts, to redeem our memories, and to renew our confidence in the goodness of GOD!

**ALL:** Holy God, you see us as we are,

And know our inmost thoughts.

We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious case.

We forget that all life comes from you

And that to you all life returns.

We have not always sought or done your will.

We have not lived as your grateful children,

Nor loved as Christ loved us...

(silent confession)

Pardon

**ONE:** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

Time of Family Sharing I

Ken, Deborah, and Johanna

*For Good*

Lisa Beckel & Suzan Skelton

Time of Family Sharing II

Annie, Mac, and Hannah

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. John Welton

Scripture Reading

*Psalm 23*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of shadow and of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

*John 14: 1-14*

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to

him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you

still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Mediation

Rev. John Welton

Prayers

Time of Family Sharing III

Gail and Jeanne

Personal Remarks

Ken Fusco Sr.

*Wonderful, Wonderful!*

Johnny Mathis (recording)

Time of Open Sharing

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bill Postler

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

*Come to the Garden*

Commendation

Benediction

*John 14: 27-28*

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

<sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

**Amen.**

*What a Wonderful World*

Rev. Beau Smith

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Donations may also be made to Wings of Hope and mailed to Maureen Shul, Wings of Hope, 8404 Brambleridge Dr, Castle Pines, Colorado 80108. Every donation received goes directly toward raising awareness and funding pancreatic cancer research at the University of Colorado Cancer Center.

Thank you for coming.