

## 10:00 a.m. Service

### September 9, 2018 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Welcome, Announcements

**Prelude**                    “Father Lift Me Up” arr. Laura Berquist

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Our merciful God is the Creator of us all.

**People: Our Creator pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.**

**ALL: May the Spirit open our hearts to demonstrate God’s grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

#### Prayer of the Day (Unison)

**Good and generous God, you have blessed us with favor and counted us as your people through the Lord Jesus Christ. Freed by your grace, let us extend your generosity to others, sharing our bread with the poor, pleading the cause of the afflicted, and receiving all who assemble in your name with the warmth of your love and the richness of your hospitality; in the good name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn No. 466**            “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

#### Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the Lord who surrounds us with favor forevermore.

#### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action. (Silent personal prayers may be offered here.)**

In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

#### Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has pleaded our cause, forgiven our sin, healed our sickness, and delivered us from evil.

#### Passing of the Peace

Leader: In forgiveness, we find peace. In that spirit, let us share the peace of the Lord with each other. The Peace of the Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with each other.

**Chancel Choir** "A Scottish Blessing" Blackwell

**Prayer for Illumination**

Healing God, you do all things well. Illumine our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may receive your words and demonstrate your grace. **Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading** James 2:1-10, 14-17

**Second Scripture Reading** Mark 7:24-37

**Sermon** — by Rusty Edmondson, PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker from Lima, Peru

**\*Confession of Faith** (from the Confession of 1967)

**God has created humankind in a personal relationship with God's self that we may respond to the love of the Creator... Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free to seek our life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use our creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.**

**\*Hymn No. 2175** "Together We Serve" (in *Sing the Faith*)

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Offering, Offertory** "Open Our Eyes" with "Be Thou My Vision" Robert Cull

**\*Doxology No. 592** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn No. 435** "We All Are One in Mission"

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "We Will Glorify" arr. Lloyd Larson

*You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of the Postlude.*

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*Source for Liturgy is "Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2"

## Announcements—September 9

Please tie a knot in the Prayer Quilt following worship today (in the narthex) and say a prayer for **Ray Young**, organist emeritus, and **Jen** (no last name given) recovering from a double mastectomy (requested by Judy Schaffer).

**Welcome to our new church members, Jeff and Sandy Lindberg.** So glad you are here!

**PCCR golf day today** – coordinated by the Mission and Outreach Committee — begins with traditional golf outing at 2:00 p.m. on the Lake Estes 9-hole course; miniature golf outing at 6:30 p.m. at the Estes Park Center-YMCA of the Rockies. In addition to prayer and moral support, PCCR's golf outings provide financial support to the two mission co-worker couples that our church is supporting. Maybe you used to play golf, or perhaps you never played golf. You can still participate through your contribution. Today Rusty Edmondson shares about the ministry he and his wife, Rev. Sara Armstrong, have been doing in Peru since 2009.

**Presbyterian Women** will host a brunch tomorrow, **Monday, September 10** at 10:00 a.m. for all women of the church. The PW Board will provide the brunch and no reservations are necessary. In addition to good food and fellowship, we'll enjoy an overview of our new study book, **GOD'S PROMISE: I AM WITH YOU**. PW Horizons Bible Study meets for the first time this year at 11:30 on Monday, September 17, and thereafter on the third Monday of each month.

**September is the Season of Peace.** A short Special Prayer Service will be held every Wednesday in September in the Outdoor Chapel at 5:30 p.m.

**New Study on the Ten Commandments** — Join us for an 8-week study and fellowship in the Lounge on **Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m.** as we unpack the Ten Commandments in content, context, and culture. Class began today. The same **class will be repeated at 10:00 a.m. on Monday mornings**, except for tomorrow, Monday, September 10, the class will be at 8:30 a.m. prior to the Presbyterian Women's Kick-Off Brunch. Everyone is invited to attend!

**"Just Coffee" is for sale in the Narthex today**, thanks to the Mission and Outreach Committee. You may purchase ground or beans, Arabica or Robusta, for \$11 a pound regular, or \$12 for any decaf variety.

**The Journeys Class** will resume again on Sunday, September 16, at 8:15 a.m. with a discussion of "The Doubt Essential to Faith" and "The Real Meaning of Soul."

**Scripture readings** for Sunday, September 16 are **Psalm 19** and **Mark 8: 27-38**. You are invited to reflect on these readings during the week.

### Today's Worship Participants:

*Rusty Edmondson, PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker  
from Lima, Peru, preaching*

*Beverly Nicholas, Pianist*

*Dave Thomas, Liturgist*

*Rich Dixon, Chancel Choir Director*

*Patti Dolezal, Hand Bell Director*

*Peter and Lisa Plaut, Greeters*

*Membership and Hospitality Committee, Fellowship Hosts*