

10:00 a.m. Service

September 8, 2019 — Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome, Announcements, Special Announcements

Prelude Psalm 18: "I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength" Benedetto Marcello

Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

People: The earth declares God's beauty.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting

People: God's word shines forth in glory.

***Hymn No. 285** "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

Prayer of the Day (Unison)

O God of promise, creator of the cosmos, you are the first light breaking through the void, and the final light we shall eternally enjoy. Keep our hearts ever vigilant as we wait to welcome you, that you would find us clothed in love, dressed for action, and eager to receive you. Amen.

Call to Confession

My brothers and sisters, remember that God loves us; therefore by the mercy of God, let us cease to do evil and learn to do good.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses. (Silent personal prayers may be offered here.)

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Congregational Response No. 579** "Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

*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 "The Pure in Heart" Hawes

Prayer for Illumination in Song, "Spirit of the Living God" (Hymn No. 322)

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

First Scripture *Psalm 139 (NRSV)*

Response "Spirit of the Living God" (Hymn No. 322)
Second Scripture *Luke 14:25-33*
Sermon *Divine Distance* - Rev. Tim McLemore, guest

***Confession of Faith** (From the Confession of 1967)

The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of humankind in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare.

***Hymn No. 404** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (see insert for verses 3 & 4)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering, Offertory "The Midnight Cry" American Shaker Revival Hymn

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn No. 366** "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

***Benediction**

***Choral Response** *(Please stand through the choral response.
You are then invited to sit during the Postlude.)*

Postlude "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" *Regent Square* (417)

*Please stand if you are able.

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

Announcements—September 8

Please sign the attendance register found at the end of the pew and pass it along to your neighbor. We are glad you are here!

A series of brief meetings (approx. 15 minutes) will be held in the Library following worship each Sunday beginning today. The goal is to gather questions, concerns, and ideas about using our property for a childcare facility and to allow the congregation to make an informed decision on the issue. The Session assigned a special committee comprised of three Elders and a Deacon to lead the meetings.

Presbyterian Women's (PW) annual Circle kick-off **brunch** will be **tomorrow, Monday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited for this food and fellowship event whether or not you plan to participate in Circle this year. PW Horizon's Bible Study Circle begins on Monday, September 16 at 11:30 in the church library, and meets thereafter on the third Monday of each month. Questions? Kathleen, 577-0854 or Ginny, 577-1786.

Habitat for Humanity needs your help in building its 15th home in Estes Park. Habitat is building on Thursdays and Saturdays during September and October. Volunteers are needed for the construction effort – No Experience Necessary! You can register at www.stvrainhabitat.org/estes-park or call Volunteer Services at 303-682-2485 ext. 106. Groups are welcome but all volunteers must pre-register and be at least 18 years of age."

Sound system operators needed! We need several new operators for the sanctuary sound system on Sunday mornings. Would you be willing to learn? Contact Mark Richards at 970-290-9478 or markpncsecy@gmail.com.

Ushers needed for Sunday mornings! To volunteer, please contact Joy Welsh, 970-577-1895 or joyleft1@gmail.com.

Note the bright orange Prayer Request Cards in the pews. You are encouraged to write down your prayer requests and place the card in the offering plate. Prayer requests will be shared on the Congregation Prayer List, via email and posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Or you may choose to share with Pastor Michael only.

Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to enjoy Sunday worship with their families. Activity bags for the children are available in the narthex.

Scripture readings for Sunday, September 15 are **Luke 2:33-35** and **John 19:25b-30**. You are invited to reflect on these readings during the week.

Today's Worship Participants:	<i>Rich Dixon, Chancel Choir Director</i>
<i>Rev. Tim McLemore, Guest Preacher</i>	<i>Patti Dolezal, Handbell Director</i>
<i>Larry Gillum, Organist</i>	<i>Bev Henderson and Marilyn Vergoth, Greeters</i>
<i>Carol Nussbaumer, Liturgist</i>	<i>Membership and Hospitality, Fellowship Hosts</i>

The Week Ahead . . .

Sunday, September 8

11:00 am—Brief congregation meeting to discuss childcare facility (Library)

Monday, September 9

9:00 am—*Library Friends and Foundation Board Retreat (Room 6)*

9:00 am—PW Women's Circle Kick-Off Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

2:00 pm—*Early Childhood Education—Estes*

1:30 pm—Special Committee

3:00 pm—Personnel Committee

6:00 pm—*Alcoholics Anonymous (in Lounge)*

Tuesday, September 10

7:30 am—*EPNRC Volunteer Event (Fellowship Hall)*

9:30 am—Building and Grounds

12:30 pm—Special Committee

4:30 pm—Stephen Ministry

6:30 pm—*Estes Valley Chamber Singers*

7:00 pm—*Narcotics Anonymous (in Lounge)*

7:00 pm—Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, September 11

8:00 am—*Men's Bible Study*

9:30 am—Finance

3:45 pm—*Girl Scout Junior Troop 70264*

4:00 pm—Joyful Bells

5:30 pm—*Estes Valley Watershed Coalition (Library)*

5:30 pm—Season of Peace Midweek Service (Outdoor Chapel)

6:15 pm—*Estes Park Chorale (Fellowship Hall)*

Thursday, September 12

11:30 am—*MountainAires Chorus (Fellowship Hall)*

2:15 pm—*Ballet Class-Adult and Protégé*

5:00 pm—Chancel Bells

6:45 pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, September 13

Saturday, September 14

2:00 pm—Memorial Service - Linda McKee

Sunday, September 15

8:15 am—Journeys Class

Note: The calendar includes all church events at time of printing. Community events are in italics. For a complete calendar listing, please check the monthly newsletter, the website, or call the church office.

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