



Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies

September 13, 2020 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 am Outdoor Worship

## Welcome, Announcements

**Prelude** “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs” Joseph Prentiss

### Call to Worship

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength!

**People: Shout for joy to the Lord of Life!**

Leader: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

**People: Glory to God forever!**

**Hymn** “To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son;  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done!

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son.

But purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He has done!

### Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

**O Lord God, merciful judge, You are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore You, that we may delight in doing Your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Call to Confession

With humble and trusting hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Lord, forgive us. We are blind to our own brokenness, yet have focused on the failings of others. We have ignored signs of injustice and disregarded warnings of judgment. We have not loved You with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid attention to Your Word. Forgive us, we pray and teach us repentance. Free us from our habits of pride, and make us steadfast in faith, that we may live as those who are reconciled with You in Jesus Christ, our Lord.** (*Silent personal prayers may be offered here.*)

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

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news, through Christ we are forgiven! Our hope is in the Lord our God, Who keeps faith with us forever.

**Congregational Response** “Gloria Patri”

### **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.**

**Bell Ensemble** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Krug

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept Your word. Silence in us any voice but Your own, that, hearing, we may also obey Your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Scripture Readings** *Romans 14:1-12*  
*Matthew 18:21-35*

**Sermon** *To Err Is Human; To Forgive Is Divine* Rev. Bruce Brackman

**Confession of Faith** (from the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel.**

**Hymn of Response** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine.

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.

As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn of Sending** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Lift High the Cross" Gillum  
(Hymntune *Crucifer*)

**Following the Postlude, we invite you to share in a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts.**