



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

October 18, 2020 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am Indoor Worship

Welcome, Announcements

Please observe the state and county regulations of wearing your face mask, both indoors and outdoors, as well as observing social distancing by sitting 6 feet apart from one another.

Prelude "I Love thy Kingdom, Lord" Aaron Williams

Call to Worship *Psalm 100*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the Lord is God!

People: It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to Him, bless His name!

Leader: For the Lord is good.

People: His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn of Praise "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Dobrinski
Chancel Bells and Larry Gillum, organ

Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Sovereign God, raise Your throne in our hearts. Created by You, let us live in Your image, created for You, let us act for Your glory, redeemed by You, let us give You what is Yours, through Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Call to Confession

Trusting in the One Who made us and redeemed us, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of life, we admit to You and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God.

(Silent personal prayers may be offered here.)

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. The peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

Choral Response "Gloria Patri"

Prayer for Illumination

O God, as the Scriptures are read and the gospel proclaimed, open our ears to hear Your Word, open our eyes to see Your Truth, and open our hearts to receive Your Grace. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 45:1-7*
 Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon *Jesus the Master of the Situation* Rev. Bruce Brackman

Hymn of Response “We Give Thee but Thine Own”
We give Thee but Thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

And we believe Thy Word, though dim our faith may be;
Whate’er we do for Thine, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Sending “How Firm a Foundation”
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.

Benediction

Postlude “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Hymntune *St. Denio*

Please remain in your seat following the Postlude to be dismissed by the ushers.

Rev. Bruce Brackman is available for pastoral care and will be in the church office during normal hours of 9:00-3:00 on **Mondays and Thursdays**. You may call the church office, 970-586-4404, his phone, 816-520-1825, or email, brucebrackman@gmail.com.