



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

September 25, 2022



September 25, 2022 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.

PRELUDE "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Alice Jordan

Organist, Larry Gillum

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Verlene Thorp

Liturgist: God created the heavens and stretches them in sunset-crimson splendor and storm-purpled clouds.

People: God spreads the earth with the blue and white of snow billows and the sun-gold of sparkling icicles.

Liturgist: Yet God breathes into every child the breath of life.

People: And God fills with spirit all who walk the journey-path of life.

Liturgist: Let us worship God who flings the silver galaxies into deep space beyond time as we know it.

People: Let us worship God, who calls us by name and holds our hands when we stumble.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 212** "Within Your Shelter, Loving God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

The Rev. Chris Davis

Creator God, with the clay of our lives on your fingers, we confess that the treasure of your love for all people is held in the earthen jar of our lack of compassion. We confess that the treasure of your justice is held in the earthen jar of our avoidance of issues. We confess that the treasure of your peace is held in the earthen jar of our restless conflict. We confess that the treasure of your gospel is held in the earthen jar of our church. Forgive, restore, and sculpt us to your will. Do not shatter us, but rather mold us to a shape in which we can be pourers of grace for others.

Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri"

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

“O Savior, Blessed Savior” by Berry

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

MESSAGE

The Rev. Chris Davis

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

***CONFESSION OF FAITH (Unison)**

The Confession of 1967

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God’s reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between people and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize their fellow humans, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

“Meditation on the 8th Psalm Tone” Robert J. Powell

*Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*The congregation responds, “**hear our prayer**”
following each petition which concludes, “God, in your grace...”*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God’s call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 435** “We All Are One in Mission”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C Major” (*Jig Fugue*) Dietrich Buxtehude

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, September 26

4:30 pm — Grace and Grub picnic, church patio

Tuesday, September 27

7:00 pm — Chamber Singers

Wednesday, September 28

4:00 pm — Joyful Bells

6:45 pm — Estes Park Chorale

Thursday, September 29

10:00 am — Staff Meeting

4:00 pm — Chancel Bells

6:00 pm — Pastor Nominating Committee


7:00 pm — Chancel Choir

Sunday, October 2

8:30 am — Journeys (Zoom)

10:00 am — Worship (Livestream available)

Fellowship Time—Please join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Card-Making Group.

 **If you have prayer requests** you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Chris at pastor@pccrusa.org, or call 414-690-4488 (cell) or 970-586-4404 (church).



Note: The calendar includes all known church events at time of printing.

Church Staff

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