



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

April 23, 2023



April 23, 2023 – Third Sunday of Easter

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

"Psalm"

Gordon Young
Organist, Larry Gillum

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

Liturgist: Where shattered hearts are made whole, where wounded souls are healed, where life is stronger than death:

People: there, the stone has been rolled away.

Liturgist: Where the lonely become our friends, where a stranger is welcomed home, where hope is stronger than despair,

People: there, we find Jesus walking.

Liturgist: Where closed wallets are opened, where the anxious find serenity, where love is stronger than hate:

People: there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

Liturgist: The stone has been rolled away! Jesus is our companion on the journey! Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is with us!

*OPENING HYMN NO. 104 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

The Rev. Bruce Brackman

We become comfortable, Joyous God, with our lives, with our faith, with our friends and family. We are so secure, your gospel jars us with your hopes for us. We know we should tell your story, but doesn't everyone who matters know it already? We could invite others to your table, but then we might have to share. We could welcome the strangers, but worry they might feel uneasy among so many unfamiliar faces.

Forgive us, God of Easter. Walk with us, so we can become companions to the lost.

Welcome us, so we can include the hopeless and the homeless. Love us, so we can share that love with everyone we meet on our journey, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into life with you. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

CHANCEL BELLS ANTHEM

“God of Grace and God of Glory” Hymn #420

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Director, Patti Dolezal

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE

Encounter the Holy

The Rev. Bruce Brackman

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

*CONFESSION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory

“Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice”

Moravian Hymn—Robert Elmore

*Doxology (Hymnal # 592)

Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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. 108 "Christ Is Alive!"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“A Joyous Voluntary”

Lowell Mason

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, April 24

- 9:30 am—Membership and Hospitality**
- 9:30 am — Pastor Nominating Committee**
- 4:00 pm—Sign Choir**

Wednesday, April 26

- 4:00 pm — Joyful Bells**

Thursday, April 27

- 10:00 am—Staff Meeting**
- 4:00 pm—Bells Party**
- 6:30 pm—Chancel Choir**

Friday, April 28

- 9:30 am—Merry Marthas**

Sunday, April 30

- 8:15 am—Adult Sunday School**
- 8:30 am—Journeys Class** (Zoom and In-Person)
- 10:00 am—Worship** (Livestream available)
- 2:00 pm—Char Gee Life Celebration**



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

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Mission and Outreach Committee.

Prayer Quilts - In the narthex are prayer quilts for Meredith Ishida, our Office Administrator, and her new baby who will be born soon. We want to wrap them in love by tying a knot and saying a prayer in the quilt for Meredith and touching the quilt and saying a prayer for the new baby.



Char Gee Life Celebration—You are invited to a “Celebration of Life for Char Gee” in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 30 from 2:00 to 5:00 o’clock. A member of this congregation since the early 90’s, she died at Pathways Hospice last fall.



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)**.

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