



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

April 30, 2023



April 30, 2023 – 4th 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 "Praise Be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" Paul Manz
Organist, Larry Gillum

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

Liturgist: Day by day, God leads us:

People: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Liturgist: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

People: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Liturgist: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

People: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 118** "The Day of Resurrection!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) The Rev. Bruce Brackman

Why is it so hard to trust in your grace, Generous God? You promise to pour out blessings upon us, but we are reluctant to let go of what we have. We put a lock on our hearts and feelings, while you share your precious Child with us. You call us home to dinner, but we would rather keep playing in the shadows of life. Forgive us, Goodness and Mercy. Anoint us with the oil of grace, until our hearts overflow with praise. Fill us with the living waters of hope, so we can share with others. Feed us at your Table of joy, so we might follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, with glad and gracious hearts. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Acts 2:42-47

JOYFUL BELLS ANTHEM "The Solid Rock" Hymn #379 arr. Krug
Verlene Thorp, piano
Director, Patti Dolezal

**Please stand if you are able.*

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

MESSAGE

"The Shepherd and the Gate"

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

"Adagio in A minor"

J.S. Bach

*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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bonnie Vanderveen

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. 111** "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

Tune: *Coronation*

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, May 1

9:30 am — Pastor Nominating Committee

4:00 pm—Sign Choir

Tuesday, May 2

1:00 pm—Margaret Gallup Memorial Service

Thursday, May 4

10:00 am—Staff Meeting

10:00 am—Mission and Outreach Committee

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

Sunday, May 7

8:15 am—Adult Sunday School


8:30 am—Journeys Class (Zoom and In-Person)

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Chancel Bells Choir.

Char Gee Life Celebration—You are invited to a "Celebration of Life for Char Gee" in the Fellowship Hall this afternoon 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.

PW Birthday Offering—On May 7, the PW Birthday offering will be collected and dedicated. This year's grants go to a group home in Florida which helps young mothers break the cycle of abusive relationships, addiction, incarceration and early motherhood. The second grant is for a much needed kindergarten building in Ethiopia that will provide the children of subsistence farmers, migrant workers and displaced groups of people with the possibility of a better future by preparing them for a life of Christian service. Let us follow God's request from Galatians 6:9-10 which states, "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right....let us work for the good of all." Please join us as we help improve the lives of women and children in the US and abroad.

 **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.

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