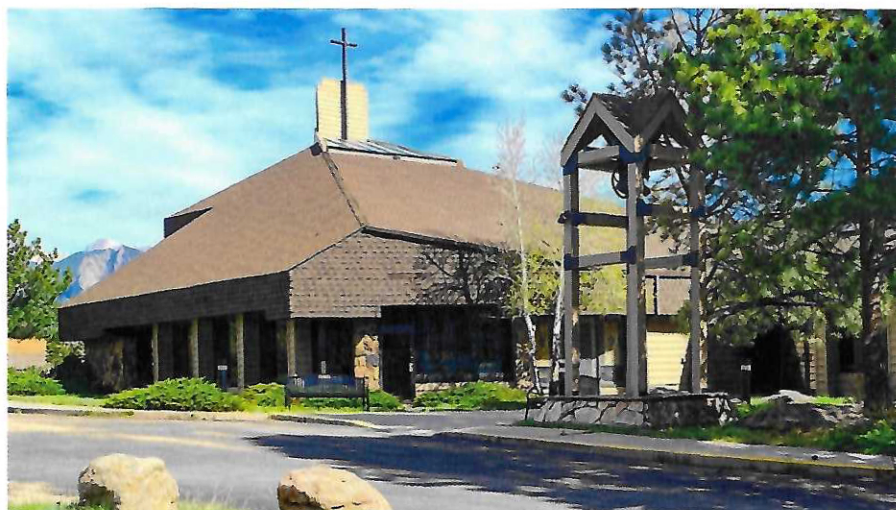




Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

May 14, 2023



May 14, 2023 – 6th 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 "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" (*Psalm 19*) - Benedetto Marcello
Organist, Larry Gillum

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- adapted from *Psalm 66*

Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey
Liturgist, Randy Brigham

Liturgist: Bless our God, O peoples

Pastor: Let the sound of praise be heard

People: For God you have led us through the journey of life to this bountiful place

Liturgist: All of you who honor God, come and listen

Pastor: and you will hear what God is doing

People: God listens when we pray, God cares when we are sick, and God rejoices when we join together in praise.

Liturgist: Filled with hope, Let us worship God!

Pastor: Filled with Thanksgiving, Let us worship God

**People: Filled with Joy
Let us worship God.**

***OPENING HYMN NO. 313** "Come Down, O Love Divine"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

Merciful God, We pray today assured of your love for us. We know that you are the answer to our every need, the healer of our broken hearts, and the center of our busy lives. Yet we fail to reach out to you when we are deeply troubled. Instead of trusting in your love, we turn away and look for answers in the wrong places. We turn to a misuse of substances, abusive relationships, and harmful actions. Instead of reaching out to you for guidance, we continue down this path that leads to brokenness. Forgive us! Remind us of your love that abides in us and that if we live into that love, we can heal both ourselves and one another. And, God we now pray silently, confessing those transgressions that have steered us away from your perfect love.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Acts 17:22-31

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "Come to Me" Director, Rich Dixon
Jeff Lindberg, soloist

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL John 14:15-21

MESSAGE "I ♥ Jesus" Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***HYMN NO. 306** "Fairest Lord Jesus"

***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 "Air" from *Suite No. 3 in D Major* - J.S. Bach

*Doxology (Hymnal #592)

Prayer of Dedication

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Liturgist, Randy Brigham

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 376** "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Tune: *Nettleton* (356)

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, May 15

9:30 am — Pastor Nominating Committee

11:30 am— Presbyterian Women's Circle

4:00 pm— Sign Choir

6:30 pm— Session

Tuesday, May 16: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Thursday, May 18

3:00 pm— Columbarium Committee

6:30 pm— Chancel Choir

Sunday, May 21

8:30 am— Journeys Class (Zoom)

10:00 am— Worship (Livestream available)



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



Flowers in the sanctuary are from the Pastor Nominating Committee to honor Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey and her family — husband Mike, and sons Liam and Cael. Special congratulations to Liam, who graduated from Colorado School of Mines on Friday. Also, blessings and honor to all mothers on this special day of appreciation.

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by Grace and Grub.

A New Pastor for PCCR—Immediately after worship today, the Congregation will vote on accepting the PNC's Nomination. Please stay to participate in this important process.

Adult Bible Study will not meet on Sunday, May 21 or May 28; will resume on Sunday, June 4.

There will be no Sign Choir on Monday, May 22 or May 29. Sign choir will resume on June 5.

Sales of Café Justo coffee and collection of donated items for Crossroads will both take place next Sunday, May 21.

PW Circle will meet tomorrow, May 15, for a salad potluck and Lesson 9 in the Bible study book, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*. The luncheon will start promptly at 11:30 a.m. in the church library with the lesson (also on Zoom) beginning around 12 noon. Even if you were unable to participate in the study, we would love to have you join us for this final meeting of the season. In celebration of the PW Birthday Offering we will enjoy a birthday cake. Karen Daugherty will lead the discussion of "Sabbath and Community." We would love to have you join us!



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