



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

July 2, 2023



July 2, 2023 – 5th 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 "Lamb of God" Twila Paris, setting by John Carter
Pianist, Verlene Thorp

WELCOME

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

Liturgist: The prophets of old spoke of God's justice, even when it was unwelcome.
Who will hear their message?

People: We will listen and we will act!

Liturgist: Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching all who would listen. Who will hear his message?

People: We will listen and we will follow!

Liturgist: Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them. Who will hear their message?

People: We will listen and we will act!

Liturgist: God's prophets are among us still, around the world and in these pews.
Who will hear their message?

People: We will listen and we will follow!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 559** "We Gather Together"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Jason Morgan

You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, and we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises.

Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet. 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 *Isaiah 62:1-5*

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "Thine is the Glory" Shepperd Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *John 2:1-11*

MESSAGE *New Beginnings: The Life of the Party* Jason Morgan

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 "Rondo in G" Clementi
*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. 440** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Shout to the Lord" Darlene Zschech, Setting by John Carter

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, July 3

4:00 pm—Sign Choir

Tuesday, July 4: Independence Day,

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, July 6

10:00 am—Staff Meeting

2:00 pm—Mission and Outreach Committee

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

Sunday, July 9

8:15 am—Adult Sunday School

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

11:00 am—All-Church Picnic



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 Choir.

Office Closure—In observance of Independence Day, the Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 5th.

All-Church Picnic—Sunday, July 9th, directly following worship, is the all-church picnic. We will gather, rain or shine, at the Lake Estes Marina (off Highway 34, near the dam). Hot dogs, buns, condiments, chips, forks and knives, water and paper supplies will be provided. Please bring your own drink if you want something else. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side or salad to feed 8-10 people. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert. Also, remember a serving utensil for your dish. Dress casually for church and bring your food so that you can go directly to the picnic from church.



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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