



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

July 9, 2023



July 9, 2023 – 6th 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 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Piet Post

Organist, Larry Gillum

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

Liturgist: We look ahead and God beckons,

People: We glance over our shoulder and God nods to us.

Liturgist: We turn to each side and find our constant companion,

People: We look up and feel the shadow of God's presence surround us.

Liturgist: Even the earth we walk on is holy ground.

People: Step by step, on every journey, along each path, through each temptation, God is with us, always and forever.

Liturgist: Together, let us worship the Living God.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 466** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

The Rev. Bruce Brackman

We would sing praises to you, Composer of our lives, but we remember the harsh words we used toward a friend this past week. We would learn your healing hymns of grace, but the broken chords of our anger and pain echo deep within us. We would dance in the circle of your love, but we recall how quickly we turned and ran when offered opportunities to serve your people.

Forgive us, Giver of every blessing. Open our hearts and fill us with your mercy. Open our ears that we may hear the songs of grace you would teach us to share with the world. Open our eyes that we may see the hope we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our inheritance of love and joy. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Romans 7:15-25a

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Please stand if you are able.*

MESSAGE

Our Struggle -- Our Relief

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 "Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun" (*Tallis' Canon*)

Richard Purvis

*Doxology (Hymnal # 592)

Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Chancel Choir: "In Remembrance of Me"

Courty & Red

Director, Rich Dixon

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. 554** "Let All Things Now Living"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Bohemian Brethren's Gesangbuch 1544

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, July 10

9:00 am—Finance Committee

4:00 pm—Sign Choir

Tuesday, July 11

10:00 am—Building and Grounds

1:00 pm—Personnel Committee

4:30 pm—Stephen Ministry

7:00 pm—Deacons

Thursday, July 13

1:00 pm—Foundation

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

Sunday, July 16

8:15 am—Adult Sunday School

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)



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

All-Church Picnic—After worship today, meet us at the Lake Estes Marina for our annual All-Church Picnic!

If you have prayer requests you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact



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