



Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies

***July 16, 2023***



*"Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed. Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders." — Henry David Thoreau*

# July 16, 2023 – 7th 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**      "Renew Me, O Eternal God"      Paul Manz  
Organist, Larry Gillum

**WELCOME**      The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

## \*CHORAL INTROIT

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: O God, our God who is in Zion

**People: We praise you with our voices**

Liturgist: O God of our Salvation

**People: You are the hope of all the earth**

Liturgist: O God who answers prayers

**People: You are our holy temple**

Liturgist: O God, your rivers are full of water

**People: Let us shout and sing together for joy.**

\***OPENING HYMN NO. 417**      "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"      REGENT SQUARE

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, We know that you are God who answers prayers, but we forget to pray. Sometimes, we think that we can solve all of our problems by ourselves. We isolate ourselves from you and from those who love us most. Sometimes, we look for answers in foreign substances or physical items that keep us from you. Sometimes, we just cut ourselves off from your loving presence. Forgive us God and open our eyes to you. Help us listen for you and trust you. Listen now, God, as we pray silently about all those transgressions that lay heavily on our hearts. (silent prayers)**

Silent Prayer of Confession

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

## A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

*Isaiah 55:10-13, NRSV*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

“As the Rain”

Beck

Director, Rich Dixon

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 13:1-9, 28-23, NRSV*

**MESSAGE**

“Always Scattering Seeds”

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**\*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.**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 250 IN GLORY TO GOD (INSERT)**

“Hymn of Promise”

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY** “Come Old and Young, Great and Small, to Fill the Soul With Heavenly Joy”

Shaker Revival Hymn

**\*DOXOLOGY** (Hymnal # 592)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**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.**

**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. 426**

“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

CANONBURY

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Tune: Lobe den Herren

## ***The Week Ahead . . .***

**Monday, July 17**

**4:00 pm—Sign Choir**

**6:30 pm—Session**

**Tuesday, July 18: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**12:00 pm—Personnel Committee**

**Wednesday, July 19**

**Thursday, July 20**

**10:00 am—Staff Meeting**

**3:00 pm—Columbarium Committee**

**6:30 pm—Chancel Choir**

**Friday, July 21**

**Saturday, July 22**

**Sunday, July 23**

**8:15 am—Adult Sunday School**

**10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)**



*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 Grace and Grub Group.



**If you have prayer requests** you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Christine at [pastor@pccrusa.org](mailto:pastor@pccrusa.org), or call 970-586-4404 (church).

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