





Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies

August 13, 2023

11th Sunday After Pentecost

*"We must live together as brothers or perish together as fools." — Martin Luther King Jr.*

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### 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** "For All the Saints" (*Sine Nomine*) Paul Manz  
Organist, Larry Gillum

### \*CHORAL INTROIT

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come in worship to give thanks to you God

**We call on your name**

We sing to you God

**We sing praises in your name**

Let our hearts rejoice,

**Let all who seek your strength rejoice.**

Come and praise the Lord!

**We come to give thanks and praise!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 263** "Immortal Invisible" ST. DENIO

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, Often we feel alienated from you, so much so that we feel like we can't do the things that you would have us do. We don't act kindly toward our neighbors, we don't help those in need, and we forget to embrace those near to us. Forgive us and help us live into the call on our lives which is to be people who help, people who hope and people who love. We now pray silently as we reflect on the sins that weigh heavily on our hearts.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**                      “A Community of Faith”                      Purifoy  
Director, Rich Dixon

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**                      *Exodus 3:1-11; 4:10-16, NRSV*

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**                      *Matthew 6:25-33, NRSV*

**MESSAGE**                      “*The Stuff of Heroes*”                      The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 3 IN GLORY TO GOD (INSERT):**  
“Womb of Life and Source of Being”

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**    “Sheep May Safely Graze”                      J.S. Bach

**\*DOXOLOGY**    (Hymnal # 592)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

**Loving God, Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**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. 276**                      “Great is Thy Faithfulness”                      FAITHFULNESS

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**    “Bless All Who Trust in God”                      Hymntune: *Franconia*

## *The Week Ahead . . .*

**Monday, August 14**

4:00 pm—Sign Choir

**Tuesday, August 15: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**Thursday, August 17**

3:00 pm—Columbarium Committee

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

**Sunday, August 20**

8:15 am—Adult Sunday School

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

1:00 pm—Blessing of the Animals

*See the full church calendar on [www.pccrusa.org](http://www.pccrusa.org)*

## *Announcements*

**Fellowship Time**—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Summer Residents' Association. .

**“Just Coffee” is for sale in the Narthex today**, thanks to the Mission and Outreach Committee. For \$12 you may purchase ground or beans, regular, decaf, or half and half. Porch delivery is always available.

**Blessing of the Animals**—On Sunday, August 20 at 1 pm, there will be a Blessing of the Animals Service in the Outdoor Chapel. All pet animals – dogs, cats, horses, llamas, birds, fish and others – are welcome to come and receive an individual blessing. If your pet would not be comfortable, bring a picture or other representation, such as a toy animal.

**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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