





Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies

August 27, 2023

13th Sunday After Pentecost

*"A Christian is someone who has been surprised by Jesus. We're just walking along, minding our own business, when suddenly, Jesus shows up, surprises us, joins our table, feeds us, talks to us, opens the Scriptures, and we see, to our amazement, that Jesus has invited himself into our lives. When that happens, brace yourself, there's a good chance he's going to assign you a job." Will Willimon*

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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

"Prelude No. 7, 'Allegro Maestoso' "

Flor Peeters  
Organist, Larry Gillum

#### \*CHORAL INTROIT

#### WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Ephesians 1)

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

We enter these doors with hope in our hearts.

**We Hope in Christ!**

Let us hear the word of truth and the good news of our salvation.

**We Believe in Christ!**

We trust that we are sealed with the mark of the Holy Spirit.

**Let us Live in Christ!**

Let us embrace our inheritance, as children of God.

**May we live to the glory of Christ!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN NO. 8

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, You call on us to be your disciples, to spread the good news of the kingdom and to be your hands and your feet on the ground. Yet we often feel that we are not good enough and don't have the right set of skills. Instead of responding to your call, we hide behind our perceived failures. We assume that someone else is better, and we give up on ourselves and God. God forgive us and help us embrace our call. Remind us that each one of us is an important player on your team, that each has a role, and that we must all work together in your kingdom.

Silent Prayer of Confession

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Dave Thomas

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Forrest

Director, Rich Dixon

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

*1 Samuel 16:1-13 – Call of David, NRSV*

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*John 1:43-51, NRSV*

**MESSAGE**

*"You Are Important"*

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 370**

*"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"*

WOODWORTH

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

"Hallelujah We Sing, to Our Father and King"

Tune: Middlebury from Southern Harmony

Dale Wood

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**COMMISSIONING OF MISSIONARIES**

God of action, we pray today for Carol and Jim and for the people of Malawi. Give them strength to work together that they might feed the hungry, help the suffering and give hope to the poor. This partnership of mutual love is anchored in you God, and we pray for the safety and well-being of all building hope for tomorrow. We ask this prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Unison)

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**

**\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 619 FROM GLORY TO GOD (INSERT)** "Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

"O How Happy Are They Who Their Savior Obey"

Gillum

Tune: True Happiness from Southern Harmony

## ***The Week Ahead***

**Monday, August 28**

4:00 pm—Sign Choir

**Thursday, August 31**

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

**Friday, September 1**

**Saturday, September 2**

**Sunday, September 3**

8:15 am—Adult Sunday School

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

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

## ***Announcements***

**Pie Social**—After worship today, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Pie Social. All are welcome, whether or not you have brought a pie. This event is hosted by the Membership and Hospitality Committee.

**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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