





Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies

September 3, 2023

14th Sunday After Pentecost

*The marvelous vision of the peaceable Kingdom, in which all violence has been overcome and all men, women, and children live in loving unity with nature, calls for its realization in our day-to-day lives. Instead of being an escapist dream, it challenges us to anticipate what it promises.*

-Henri Nouwen

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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

"Aria" from the 10th Concerto

George Frideric Handel  
Organist, Larry Gillum

#### \*CHORAL INTROIT

#### WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (ADAPTED FROM PSALM 149)

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

Praise the Lord!

**Sing to the Lord a New Song!**

Let us who gather here praise the Lord!

**Let us who are God's Children be glad in the Lord!**

Let us praise the Lord with dancing!

**Let us make music to him with tambourine and lyre!**

This is our celebration, for all who are faithful!

**Praise the Lord!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN NO. 430

"Come Sing O Church in Joy"

DARWALL'S 148TH

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of Peace, God of beginnings and endings, look upon us and hear our prayer. On this communion day of remembering, we acknowledge the days of past where we felt isolated, alone and afraid. This was a time when our anger arose against disease and grief ballooned as we watched our lives float by. God help us let go of that anger and fear and help us celebrate the resilience you have given us. Teach us how to go forward in unity. Fill us with courage, with hope and with peace.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

Ferguson  
Director, Rich Dixon

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



## *The Week Ahead*

**Monday, September 4: Labor Day, CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

9:00 am—Worship and Music

**Wednesday, September 6**

12:00—Bible Study

4:00 pm—Joyful Bells

**Thursday, September 7**

10:00 am—Mission and Outreach

4:00 pm—Chancel Bells

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

**Saturday, September 9**

9:00 am—Card-Making Group

**Sunday, September 10**

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

5:00 pm—Golf Tournament

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

## **Announcements**

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** today are provided by Kathy and Robert Sherrod in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. Congratulations on such love and dedication!

**Fellowship Time**—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Choir.

**All women of the church are invited to the Presbyterian Women's luncheon** Monday, September 11, starting at 11:00 a.m. in the church library, hosted by the PW Coordinating Team. Please bring either a salad or dessert to share. Come and join in on the food, fellowship and introduction to the fall Bible study, titled Sacred Encounters.

**Mini-Golf Fundraiser Outing:** IT'S NOT TOO LATE!! You can still sign up for the mini-golf outing to be held next Sunday at 5:00 pm at Cascade Creek course, located at Ride-A-Kart. It's a fundraiser for the two PC(USA) mission co-workers that PCCR supports. Individual entry fee has been lowered from \$30 to \$25! Entry forms are available in the Narthex, or just stop at the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

**When life gets a little complicated**, can the Deacons on the Sunshine Committee help? We would be happy to supply meals to our PCCR family who are experiencing a few clouds in their life. Please contact the office or Pastor Christine if you or someone you know would like some sunshine!

Have you noticed the new plants outside our front doors? They have been arranged by Kelley Anderson! For this fall and winter, she is hoping to decorate them using **white birch, aspen, and curly willow sticks** (5-6ft long). If you have some you would be willing to donate, please call her at (970) 580-1088.



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