







*There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice.*  
—John Calvin

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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 & Fugue in d minor"

J.S. Bach

Organist, Larry Gillum

#### CHORAL INTROIT

#### WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 96)

Liturgist, Dave Thomas

O sing to God a new song!

**Sing to God, all of us throughout this earth.**

Sing throughout our lives. In our song, bless the name of God.

**Exclaim God's salvation from morning until night.**

Declare God's glory and marvelous works

**For great is God, and with excitement, we join in praise.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN No. 260

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

Congregation sings Verses 1,3, and 4

Chancel Choir sings Verse 2.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merfiful God,

**We pray today with that weight on our shoulders wondering if we have done enough to earn your forgiveness. When we look at what we do, we forget about your character as being a God who forgives out of love. When we forget, we struggle to forgive ourselves and we struggle to forgive others. God help us learn that you forgive us not because of what we do, but because of your sacrificial love for us. When we accept that we are loved, we can truly be at peace and know that we are beloved and we can embrace our fellow brothers and sisters in this same love.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

*1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, NRSV*

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 22:34-46, NRSV*

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Forrest  
Director, Rich Dixon

**MESSAGE**

“*Because God First Loved Us*” The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 274 (INSERT)**

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (BACK OF INSERT) - Unison**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” -Dixon

Highland Brass Quintet:

Chuck Varilek, Director

Neil Johnson-First Trumpet; Bev Bialeschki-Second Trumpet;

Jerry Brubaker-French Horn Curtis Fox-Trombone; Chuck Varilek-Tuba

**\*DOXOLOGY**

(Hymnal # 592)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

Loving God, we pray in thanksgiving for these gifts from our hearts. They symbolize our gratitude as your children, and they remind us of the hope that is uniquely in you. May each offering bring someone in need a glimpse of hope, and may our prayers provide strength and assurance. God we ask this through 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 (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**

*(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. 446**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Hymntune: *St. Denio (263)*

## ***The Week Ahead***

**Monday, October 30**

12:00 pm—Nominating Committee

**Wednesday, November 1**

12:00 pm—Bible Study

4:00 pm—Joyful Bells

**Thursday, November 2**

10:00 am—Mission and Outreach

10:00 am—Staff Meeting

4:00 pm—Chancel Bells

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

**Sunday, November 5**

8:15 am—Adult Sunday School

8:30 am—Journeys (Online and in-person)

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

11:30 am—Columbarium/All Saints Day Service

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

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Bill Almond • Mimi Hardendorf • Diane Palmer • Bonnie  
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## ***Announcements***

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

**Presbyterian Women's Annual Thank Offering** will be received next Sunday during worship. The offering will help children who have experienced trauma to heal through music and art camp, provide a support group for people with mental health variances, and provide a safe space for teens in an underserved and low-income area through a Tech for Teens summer program. A total of seven grants will be supported through this offering. Please join us in our efforts to make a significant difference in the lives of the women and children who will benefit from these grants.

**Merry Marthas**, an ecumenical ministry of the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies will display their beautiful projects next Sunday as part of Thank Offering Sunday. These will include items they have sewn, knitted, crocheted or weaved. The projects will be distributed to charities such as Crisis Advocates and Bright Christmas after next Sunday.

**Columbarium/All Saint's Day Service**—At 11:30 on Sunday, November 5th, PCCR will be holding a service to remember our loved ones who have passed. Please let us know if you have someone who you would like us to hold up in memoriam on this day (they do not need to be in the Columbarium).

**Sign Choir and Adult Sunday School** will resume in November, starting with Adult Sunday School at 8:15 am on November 5 and Sign Choir at 4 pm on Monday, November 6. All are welcome!

**Passing the Peace**—From the Worship and Music Committee: Let us greet one another! And let us respect one another's unique needs and desires. As we pass the peace in worship, reach out in greeting to shake hands if you are comfortable doing so. If that does not feel right for you for any reason, feel free to wave, extend an elbow, or place your hands over your heart to indicate that you would like some space today.

**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!



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