





**April 28, 2024**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

*"My profession is always to be alert, to find God in nature, to know God's lurking places, to attend to all the oratorios and the operas in nature."*  
— Henry David Thoreau

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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** "We Praise You, God of All Creation" Carl F. Mueller  
Organist, Larry Gillum

**CHORAL INTROIT**

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist, Bill Almond

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the Heavens!

**The sun, the moon, the shining star, let them praise the Lord!**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the Earth!

**The sea monsters, the mountains, the women and the men! Let them praise the Lord!**

Let all Praise God's name, for God's glory is above earth and heaven!

**Let us Praise the Lord!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 11 (SEE INSERT)** "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud" ABERYSTWYTH

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we sometimes doubt you and your ability to heal us. When we look at our world, we are overwhelmed by the obstacles that seem too big for us to overcome. Instead of bringing our problems and our fears to you, we choose unhealthy means to cope. What becomes an escape turns into addiction, leaving us afraid and abandoned in our search for wholeness. Forgive us and help us find healing in your promises of forgiveness, your message of hope and your embrace of 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.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** Exodus 3:1-12, NRSV

**JOYFUL BELLS ANTHEM** "All Creatures of Our God and King" Behnke  
Director, Patti Dolezal

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL** Mark 4:36-41, NRSV

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**MESSAGE** "Elements of Life" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey  
**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY No. 562** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA  
**RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN'S MINISTRY** Christine Dempsey  
**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM** "How Lovely Are the Messengers" Hopson  
Director, Rich Dixon

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Dale Wood  
**\*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 today in thanksgiving for these gifts that support programs that help others in our church, in our community and around the world. Today, God, we hold up our caring ministries in their work to provide emotional and spiritual support for those needing a loving presence. They help equip providers and help provide resources for those in need. There is no greater gift than walking with someone who heals in the space of your enduring love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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. 455** "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE** (Please remain standing)

**POSTLUDE** "Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works" Native American: Dakota Hymn  
"God of Great and God of Small" Natalie Sleeth

## The Week Ahead

Monday, April 29

9:00 am—Hospitality

Wednesday, May 1

12:00 pm—Bible Study

4:00 pm—Joyful Bells

Thursday, May 2

4:00 pm—Chancel Bells

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

Saturday, May 4

10:00 am—Creation Care: “How Should Plants and Humans Interact?” by Pat [Waltermire](#)

Sunday, May 5

8:15 am—Adult Bible Study

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

10:00 am—Worship (Livestream available)

11:00 am—Membership Information Discussion

3:00 pm—Chamber Singers Spring Concert

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

## Announcements

**Greeters this morning** are Tami & Dan [Scace](#).

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

**Stephen Ministry Celebration:** Stephen Ministers have been supporting our congregation and larger community for 40 years today. Today after worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall to honor our past and present Stephen Ministers.

**Creation Care**—on Saturday, May 4 at 10 am, Pat [Waltermire](#) will be presenting on “How Should Plants and Humans Interact?” These talks are open to all; please join us and bring a friend!

**Membership Information Discussion**—You are welcome to join us for an informal conversation about membership at PCCR. Our next New Member gathering will be on **May 5th after worship** with fellowship and a time for question and answer. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

**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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