



*Presbyterian Community
Church of the Rockies
is a welcoming
community united by
faith in Jesus Christ;
we seek to serve others,
share God's love,
and engage all people.*

August 18, 2024
13th Sunday after Pentecost

"Love is the beauty of the soul."

— Saint Augustine

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 "O Lord, in All Your Majesty" (Allegro Maestoso #13) Flor Peeters
Organist, Larry Gillum

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 111) Liturgist, Marilyn Irwin

Come, and praise God!

In the company of the God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Great are the works of God, full of glory and majesty.

Our God is gracious and compassionate;

Our God is merciful and forgiving

Our God is faithful and trustworthy,

Our God is just and good.

So come, let's worship God together. God's praise will last forever!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2223 (SING THE FAITH)** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, you love us, you protect and you nurture us, yet we confess that when times are tough, we forget to offer you praise. Instead of counting our blessings, we wallow in our misfortunes. Instead of waiting for your quiet voice, we curse what we see as inaction. God forgive us. Help us to be patient and to see that you God are all that is good, all that is hopeful and all that is love.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE: WE ARE FORGIVEN (SEE INSERT)**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 15:9-17, NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR TENORS AND BASSES

"With a Voice of Singing"

Shaw
Director, Jeff Lindberg

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:25-5:2, CEB

MESSAGE

"Sharing God's Love"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 316 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful human beings. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Richard Purvis

***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**

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. 335**

"Though I May Speak"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

Hyfrydol, 144

**Please stand if you are able.*

The Week Ahead

Monday, August 19

10:00am—Meditation Trail Task Force
3:30pm—Ballet Renaissance
6:30pm—Session

Tuesday, August 20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

12:00pm—One Day at a Time AA Group
4:00pm—Stephen Ministers

Wednesday, August 21

12:00pm—Bible Study

Thursday, August 22

12:00pm—One Day at a Time AA Group
6:30pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, August 23

9:30am—Merry Marthas
3:30pm—Ballet Renaissance

Sunday, August 25

10:00am—Worship (Livestream available)
6:00pm—Oratorio Orchestra Rehearsal

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Clerk of Session: Barb Cole

Deacons

Bill Almond • Mimi Hardendorf • Diane Palmer • Bonnie
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Brenda Gillum • Jack Holmquist • Joanie Kleckner

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeter this morning is Jim Jonell.

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

See the insert for additional announcements.

If you have prayer requests you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Christine at pastor@pccrusa.org, or call 970-586-4404 (church).

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Announcements

Bake or Buy, Bring a Pie! - Following the worship service this morning, the Hospitality Committee is hosting a **Pie Social and Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing** in Fellowship Hall. Come join in the fun, fellowship and a piece of pie!

Mediation Trail Task Force—If you have an interest in the development and revitalization of our Mediation Trail, please join the newly created task force on Monday, August 19th at 10:00am in the library. All interested parties are welcome!

PC(USA) Mission Benefit Mini-Golf Outing—Entry forms available now for you to sign up as an individual or a team of four to participate in this annual event, to be held on September 1, 2024 at Cascade Creek at Ride-A-Kart. Prizes for winning team(s) will be awarded! Come out for the fun and fellowship, and help support our PC(USA) denominational mission co-workers! Questions? Call **970-646-5576**

On Sunday, September 8th at 1:00pm, PCCR will offer a **Blessing of the Animals** at the outdoor chapel along the Mediation Trail. Pastor Christine will conduct this special service to include pet family members in a celebration of God's love for all His creation. All pet animals—dogs, cats, horses, llamas, birds—are welcome to receive individual blessings.

Confession Response/WE ARE FORGIVEN

The image shows a musical score for a confession response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The first system has the lyrics: "We are for - giv - en, we are for -". The second system has the lyrics: "giv - en, Thanks be to God, Thanks be to God." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a 3/4 time signature.

Hymn Tidbits

(Researched by Joan Buhlmann)

#2223—“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

We Are One in the Spirit is by Fr. Peter Scholtes (1938 Evanston IL-2009). He led a youth choir out of the basement where he was a parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South side of Chicago in the 1960s. His experiences there and in the Chicago Civil Rights Movement influenced him for the rest of his life. He traveled the globe helping businesses engage employees' talents more fully, humanely, and effectively. He wrote The Team Handbook and The Leader's Handbook in 1968.

#316—“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

This hymn is by Edwin Hatch (1836-1939) of Darby, England. Placed in hundreds of hymnals, it reflects the powerful and overwhelming invitation of God's spirit into the body. It encapsulates a deep desire to be renewed in Christ, and purified by the Holy Spirit. The tune Trentham by Robert Jackson (1842-1914) of Lancashire is named for a village in Staffordshire near where Jackson was born.

#335—“Though I May Speak”

This hymn (1972) is by Hal H. Hopson, 1933, who was born in Mound, TX and now resides in Dallas. A renowned clinician and composer, he has published more than 1300 compositions. He held posts at Westminster Church in Nashville, Preston Hollow Presbyterian in Dallas, and taught at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, and at Scarritt Graduate School in Nashville. His "God with Us" was chosen to be placed in a time capsule in Washington during the bicentennial in 1976 to be opened in 100 years. "The Gift of Love" paraphrases 1 Cor. 13:1-3 as does the melody as an adaptation of the folk melody "O Waly, Waly." The original tune was collected by American folksong specialist Cecil Sharp (1906).