



*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 25, 2024

14th Sunday after Pentecost

"You are a child of God, and always will be, even when you don't believe it."

— Richard Rohr

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

"I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength"

Benedetto Marcello
Larry Gillum, Organist

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 34)

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

Lord, we bless you all the time.

We praise you with our voices raised.

When we seek you Lord, you answer us.

You deliver us from our fears.

Lord we bless you all the time.

Let us exalt your name together!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 262**

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We come to you today in prayer realizing that despite our desire to be disciples, we fall short of that call. We realize that we have at times put a stumbling block in someone's way. We have dismissed those in need of comfort. We have been distracted when a friend needs our full attention. We have responded in anger when we needed to respond in love. God, forgive us and help us listen for your call on our lives and be your followers in word and deed.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Galatians 3:23-28, NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Come To Me"

Soloist: Scott Anderson, Cellist: Rich Woessner

Forrest
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 4:7-30, NRSV

MESSAGE

"Engaging All People"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 301 (GLORY TO GOD) SEE INSERT

"Let Us Build a House All Are Welcome"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) from the PCUSA Book of Order

Catholicity is God's gift to the Church in Jesus Christ. In the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God overcomes our alienation and repairs our division.

Because in Christ the Church is catholic, it strives everywhere to testify to Christ's embrace of all people of all times, places, races, nations, ages, abilities, genders, conditions, and stations in life. The catholicity of the Church summons the Church to a deeper faith, a larger hope, and a more complete love as it bears witness to God's grace.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"

Paul Manz

*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. 320 (GLORY TO GOD) SEE INSERT

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

(please remain standing)

POSTLUDE

"At the Name of Jesus"

King's Weston (148)

**Please stand if you are able.*

The Week Ahead

Monday, August 26

- 9:30am Hospitality Committee
- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance
- 4:30pm Grace and Grub
- 6:30pm Oratorio Chorus Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 27

- 12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Wednesday, August 28

- 12:00pm Bible Study
- 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 70449

Thursday, August 29

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

Friday, August 30

- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Sunday, September 1

- 8:15am Adult Sunday School
- 10:00am Worship (Livestream available)

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Nancy & Bill Almond.

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by Pete & Bonnie Vanderveen.

Anyone interested in packing the **children's activity tubs** for use during morning worship, please let Pastor Christine or the Church Office know.

On Sunday, September 22nd 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.

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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