

Scottish Heritage
Sunday
September 15, 2024



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17th Sunday after Pentecost

"The Christian Religion...instructs us, how to Think, how to Speak, and how to Act, both towards God, and towards one another."

— Francis Makemie 1658-1708, Founder of Presbyterianism in the United States

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

PRELUDE "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" Scottish Hymntune, *Candler*
Organist, Larry Gillum

WELCOME Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, listen to the One
who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Come, see the One
who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.

Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One
who shows the salvation of God.

PROCESSION "Scotland the Brave" Bagpiper, Randy Arrent
(If you have brought with you today a Tartan, please bring it forward to the altar at this time)

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

Leader: Eternal God, accept our thanksgiving for our goodly heritage and for those persons who serve now as a great cloud of witnesses.

Kirk: *Gracious God, we present these tartans today before You, as symbols of our spiritual heritage, and we pray your blessings upon us and upon your servant people in every land.*

Leader: Grant that those who wear these tartans, and their families, may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.

Kirk: *For those who have gone before us in the faith, and especially for those whose sacrifices helped make our discipleship possible, we are grateful.*

Leader: O God, who gave us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing your praise, send your Spirit among us...

Kirk: *That we may celebrate our unity with all the saints; for there is one lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who has made known his love in Jesus Christ, Chief of all chiefs, King of all kings, Lord of all lords, in whose heart we are cherished, and in whose name we pray. Amen*

***OPENING HYMN No. 457** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious Lord, we come in prayer today aware that your son came to us to show us how to live. Yet we are uncertain what this means, and we are unsure of Jesus' role in our lives. Instead of trusting your grace, we live in fear. We fear not being good enough. We fear for tomorrow. We fear being alone. Forgive us and remind us that you sent Jesus to us that we might live in the assurance of God's love.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATION RESPONSE "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

*Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 19:1-14, CEB

CHANCEL CHOIR "O Sing a New Song" arr. Dixon
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL Mark 8:27-30, NRSV

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE Galatians 6:1-10, NRSV

MESSAGE "Joining Hands, Joining Hearts" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 543 "Abide with Me"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

Scots' Confession (1560)

We confess and acknowledge one only God, to whom only we must cleave, whom only we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom only we must put our trust; who is eternal, infinite, unmeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible: one in substance, and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and in earth, as well visible as invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable Providence, to such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice has appointed them, to the manifestation of his own glory.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "The Bells of Dunblane"

***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—SEE INSERT

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. 280**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

(please remain standing)

RECESSIONAL

“Highland Cathedral”

POSTLUDE

“O God the Creator”

Hymntune, *Kastaak* (p.273)

**Please stand if you are able.*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Adapted from the Scottish Book of Common Prayer of 1929.

Please respond to the following petitions:

Let us pray for all people according to their needs.

The Lord is loving unto every person;

And God's mercy is over all God's works.

Let us pray for God's blessing on the fruits of the earth and the labours of people.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord;

And thou givest them their meat in due season.

Let us pray for the Church.

Christ loved the Church;

And gave himself for it.

Let us pray for Home Missions.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me;

I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Let us pray for the preservation of peace.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people;

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Let us pray for relief in this time of scarcity.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord;

And he shall nourish thee.

Let us pray for succour in this time of sickness.

He forgiveth all thy sin;

And healeth all thine infirmities.

Let us pray for the sick and suffering.

He healeth those that are broken in heart;

And giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 16

- 11:30am Presbyterian Women**
- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance**
- 6:30pm Session**

Tuesday, September 17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- 12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group**
- 4:00pm Stephen Ministers**
- 6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers**

Wednesday, September 18

- 8:00am Estes Nonprofit Network**
- 12:00pm Bible Study**
- 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 70449**
- 4:00pm Joyful Bells**
- 6:30pm Estes Park Chorale**

Thursday, September 19

- 3:00pm Columbarium Committee**
- 4:00pm Chancel Bells**
- 5:00pm EVICS**
- 6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group**
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir**

Friday, September 20

- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance**

Sunday, September 22

- 8:15am Adult Sunday School**
- 8:30am Journeys**
- 10:00am Worship (Livestream available)**
- 1:00pm Blessing of the Animals**
- 6:00pm Oratorio Orchestra Rehearsal**

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Bonnie & Pete Vanderveen.

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

Today is Crossroads Donation Day! Please place any donations in the shopping cart located in the Narthex.

PW Bible study will meet tomorrow, September 16, in the church library for lesson one in the Bible study book, *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. Pat Waltermire will lead the discussion on "Environmental Justice." We gather at 11:30am and the lesson begins at 12:00 noon. Please consider joining us for this very timely and important study.

September 22nd Adult Sunday School topic: The Official Church and the Decline of the Roman Empire. The church becomes official under the Emperor Theodosius (yes, not Constantine), and we will look at how the church was able to sustain identity and organization in the wake of a deteriorating Roman Empire. **All are welcome to join us at 8:15am on Sunday in the lounge.**

Upcoming special church services:

September 22: Blessing of the Animals at 1:00pm at the Outdoor Chapel. 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 blessing as witness to our dependence on other creatures and our stewardship responsibility for their care.

September 29: Members & Memories Sunday honoring long-time members and friends. We will celebrate with a recognition in service along with a cake, pictures and fellowship.

October 6: World Communion Sunday

October 13: Harvest Festival and Soup Luncheon hosted by the Hospitality Committee after worship at 11:00am. Each PCCR family is asked to bring a crock pot of hot soup to the Fellowship Hall prior to the 10:00 worship service. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

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).

Hymn Tidbits

(Researched by Joan Buhlmann)

#457 - "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

I Greet Thee is attributed to John Calvin born Jehan Cauvan (1509-1564), influential French theologian and pastor during the Protestant Reformation. He was a principal figure in the development of the system of Christian theology later called Calvinism. Trained as a humanist lawyer, he broke with the Catholic Church around 1530. After religious tensions provoked a violent uprising against Protestants in France, Calvin fled to Basel, Switzerland, where he published the first edition of his 40-volume *Institutes of the Christian Religion* in 1536. That year he was recruited by William Farel to help reform the church in Geneva. The city council resisted their ideas, and both men were expelled. Calvin proceeded to Strasbourg where he became the minister of a church of French refugees. He continued to support the reform movement in Geneva and was eventually invited back. Calvin was influenced by the Augustinian tradition, which led him to expound the doctrine of predestination and the absolute sovereignty of God in salvation of the human soul. The Reformed, Congregational, and Presbyterian Churches look to Calvin as the chief expositor of their beliefs.

#543 - "Abide with Me"

Abide with Me (1847) is by Henry Francis Lyte (Ednam 1793-Nice 1847). He was educated at Portora (The Royal School of Enniskillan), and at Trinity College, Dublin. He abandoned medicine for theology, and took Holy Orders in 1815, his first curacy being in Wexford. He then moved to Cornwall where he experienced a great spiritual change due to the death of a fellow brother clergyman. In 1823 he was appointed Perpetual Curate of Lower Brixham, Devon. He published 3 volumes of poetical works. He wrote this hymn as he was dying from tuberculosis. The text was published posthumously.

#280 - "Amazing Grace"

Written in 1773 by English poet and Anglican clergyman, John Newton (1725-1807) who was conscripted into service in the Royal Navy. In 1748, a violent storm battered his vessel off the coast of County Donegal, Ireland, so severely that he called to God for mercy, a moment that marked his spiritual conversion. It bears the message that forgiveness and redemption are possible regardless of sins committed, and that the soul can be delivered from despair through the mercy of God. The last verse was first recorded in Harriet Beecher Stowe's 1852 *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. The tune New Britain appeared in Southern Harmony, Wm. Walker's 1847 shape note book and then became iconic during the Civil War and on the Cherokee Trail of Tears.