



Gratitude and Grace

September 22, 2024

18th Sunday after Pentecost

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."
— William Arthur Ward

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

PRELUDE "Andante Maestoso in Dorian Mode" Flor Peeters
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 136) Liturgist, Sue Yowell

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good.

God's faithful love lasts forever!

Give thanks to the God of all gods-

God's faithful love lasts forever!

Give thanks to the only one who makes great wonders.

God's faithful love lasts forever!

God is the one who provides food for all living things

God's faithful love lasts forever!

Give thanks to the God of heaven -

God's faithful love lasts forever!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 475 (GLORY TO GOD) SEE INSERT** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious Lord, we come in prayer today aware that your Son came to us that we might be free from sin. 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

***RESPONSE: "O MY SOUL, BLESS YOUR REDEEMER" (SEE INSERT)**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHANCEL BELLS "How Great Thou Art" arr. Raney
Director, Patti Dolezal

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Psalm 136, NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Abide With Me"

arr. Brian L. Hanson
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 15:12-17, NRSV

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:1-9, NRSV

MESSAGE

"Gratitude and Grace"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY No. 334 (GLORY TO GOD) SEE INSERT "With Grateful Heart My
Thanks I Bring"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

from the Confession of 1967

We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. We believe that God has created us for personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision"

Don Wyrzten

*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

*HYMN OF SENDING No. 612 (GLORY TO GOD) SEE INSERT

"We Praise You, O God"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

(please remain standing)

POSTLUDE

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

Tune: *Salem* from *Southern Harmony*

**Please stand if you are able.*

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 23

4:30pm Grace and Grub

Tuesday, September 24

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group

5:30pm The Learning Place Family Café

6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers

Wednesday, September 25

10:30am Mission & Outreach Committee

12:00pm Bible Study

3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 70449

4:00pm Joyful Bells

5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 70455/77784

6:30pm Estes Park Chorale

Thursday, September 26

11:30am Risk Management Task Force

4:00pm Chancel Bells

6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, September 27

9:30am Merry Marthas

3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Sunday, September 29

8:30am Journeys

10:00am Worship—"Members & Memories" (Livestream available)

6:30pm Oratorio Society Orchestra Rehearsal

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Diane Palmer and Audrey TeSelle.

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

See 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

Blessing of the Animals service is today 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.

Today the **Merry Marthas** have set up a table of hats and scarves that will be donated to the **Crossroads Coat Drive**. If you would like to donate to this annual event, Crossroads will be accepting gently used or new items through September 27th. The remainder of the Merry Marthas creations will be donated to local charities after Thank Offering Sunday on November 10.

September 29th Adult Sunday School topic: Pastor Christine will be joining the Journeys class in a discussion of the Lord's Supper.

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

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.