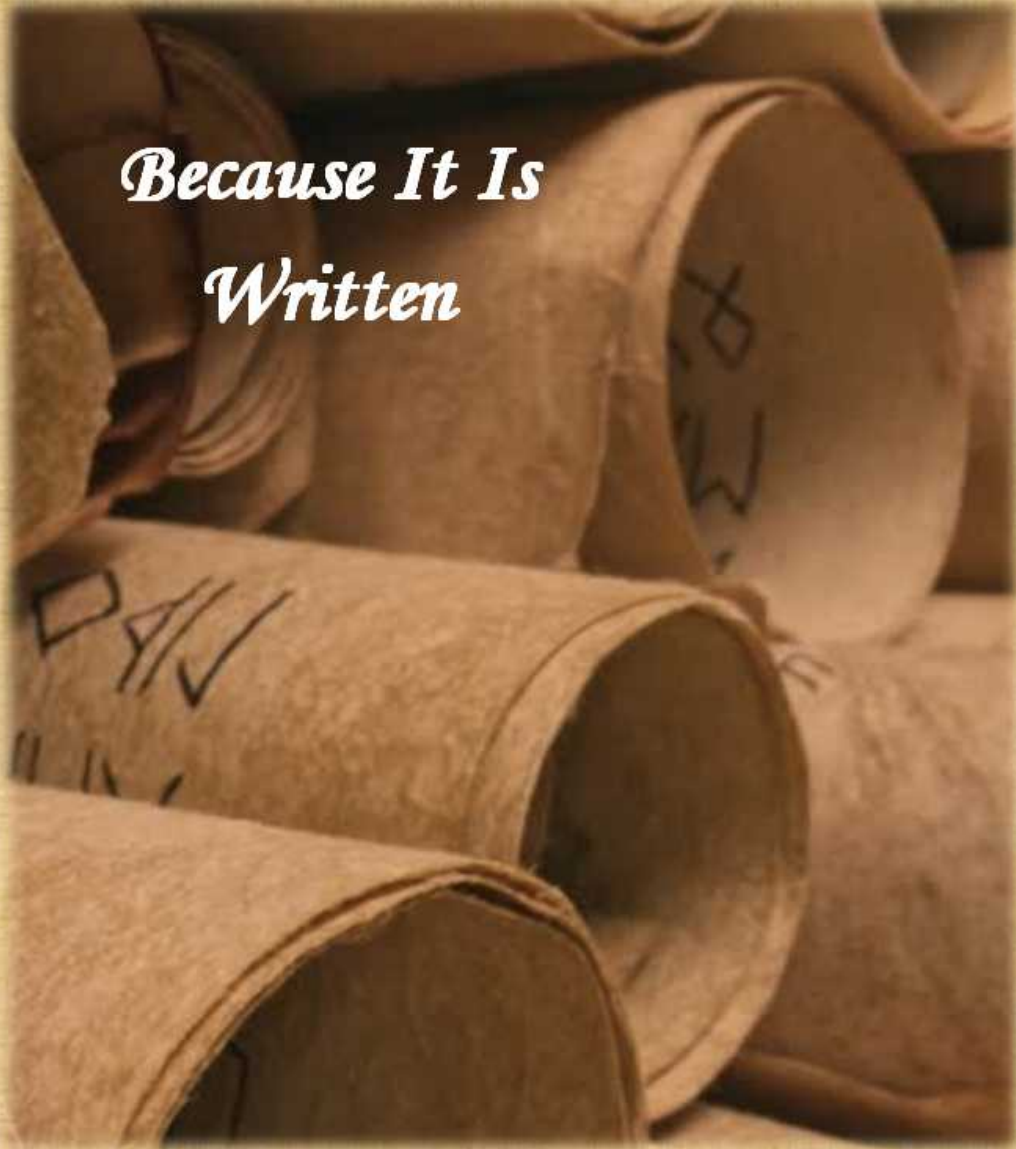


*Because It Is  
Written*



January 26, 2025

## 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

*"Everything that is true is God's word, whoever may have said it."*

— Huldrych Zwingli (16th century Protestant Reformer)

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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** "Look Up, My Soul, to Christ Thy Joy" (Moravian Hymn) Robert Elmore  
Organist, Larry Gillum

### CHORAL INTROIT

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 19) Liturgist, Amy Fox

The law of the Lord is perfect!

***O Lord you are our Rock!***

The decrees of the Lord are sure!

***O Lord you are our Redeemer!***

The Commandment of the Lord is clear!

***O Lord you are our strength!***

God, may these our words and meditations be acceptable to you.

***Let us Give thanks and praise to the Lord.***

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 466** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

*God of Mercy, as we listen to scripture, we hear your words with our ears, but we do not respond with our hearts. You call us to love one another with kindness and patience. You remind us that love never ends. You tell us that love is our ultimate purpose. Yet, we do not always seek your love. God, forgive us, and help us live our lives as reflecting the light of your 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**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 458 (GLORY TO GOD) SEE FOLLOWING PAGES**

“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 2-6, 8, NRSV*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Keesecker

Director, Rich Dixon

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 4:14-21, NRSV*

**MESSAGE**

“Because it is Written”

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 293** “This Is My Father’s World”

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

G-1.402 An active member is a person who has made a profession of faith in Christ, has been baptized, has been received into membership of the church, has voluntarily submitted to the government of this church, and participates in the church’s work and worship.

Beth Carle

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

“Jesu, Word of God” (*Ave Verum*)

W.A. Mozart

**\*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. 332**

*"Live Into Hope"*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*(please remain standing)*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

*Tune: Lobe den Herren*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



## ***The Week Ahead***

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### **Monday, January 27**

- 9:30am Hospitality Committee
- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance
- 4:00pm Session

### **Tuesday, January 28**

- 12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
- 6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers

### **Wednesday, January 29**

- 12:00pm Bible Study
- 4:00pm Joyful Bells
- 6:30pm Estes Park Chorale

### **Thursday, January 30**

- 12:00pm Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group
- 4:00pm Chancel Bells
- 6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, January 31**

- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

### **Saturday, February 1**

- 9:30am Card-Making Group
- 10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449

### **Sunday, February 2**

- 8:15am Adult Sunday School
- 8:30am Journeys
- 10:00am Worship followed by the Annual Congregation Meeting
- 6:00pm Oratorio Society Orchestra rehearsal

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

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## **Announcements**

**Greeters this morning** are Betty & Kent Meyer.

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

Please welcome to our congregation our **newest member, Beth Clarke**, as she joins our church family during this morning's service.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held next Sunday, February 2nd immediately following the worship service. Copies of the Annual Report will be available. Please plan to attend.

**Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine**—Join Pastor Christine for Bible Study at noon in the church Library on Wednesday, January 29th.

This week's topic is "Adam, Eve, the Serpent" Scripture: Genesis 3

**Sunday morning Adult Sunday School**—Join Carol Nussbaumer every Sunday morning at 8:15am in the Lounge for informative and interactive discussions. All are welcome!

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