



The Songs of our Hearts

February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after Epiphany

"Music is God's gift to man, the only art of Heaven given to earth, the only art of earth we take to Heaven."

— Walter Savage Landor

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 "Brethren, We Have Come to Worship" Holy Manna arr. Samuel Wellmann
Pianist, Verlene Thorp

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 96) Liturgist, Lisa Plaut

O sing to God a new song!

Sing to God, all of us throughout the earth.

Sing throughout our lives. In our song, bless the name of God.

Exclaim God's salvation from morning until night!

Declare God's glory and marvelous works.

For great is God, and with excitement, we join in praise!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 314 (GLORY TO GOD) SEE FOLLOWING PAGES**

"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we pray for your forgiveness for the times that we take your creation for granted. You provide us with sun, water, seeds and soil for the raising of crops. You provide us with mountains and streams that surround us with beauty. And, you give us music that fills our ears with joyful sounds. God, help us give thanks for the world around us and thanks for people with whom we experience it.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

Gloria Patri (#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**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES *Isaiah 29:13-19, NRSV*

CHANCEL CHOIR "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. Dan Forrest
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE *1 Peter 4:7-11, NRSV*

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *Matthew 5:14-17, NRSV*

MESSAGE "The Songs of our Hearts" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 184 (GLORY TO GOD) SEE FOLLOWING PAGES

"Calm to the Waters"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 481 (GLORY TO GOD) SEE FOLLOWING PAGES** "I Believe in God the Father"

MOMENT FOR MUSIC Rich Dixon

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "At the River" Hymn Tune, adapted by Aaron Copeland

***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. 301 (GLORY TO GOD) SEE FOLLOWING PAGES**

"Let us Build a House" (All Are Welcome)

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

(please remain standing)

POSTLUDE

"Lord of the Dance"

Shaker Tune, arr. John Turner

**Please stand if you are able.*



Sunday

Feb 23

2:30 PM

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HISTORY
MONTH



CONCERT

Presented By

THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF ESTES PARK

Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies

1700 Brodie Avenue
Estes Park

Free Admission

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

All Proceeds To Benefit SALUD, an Estes Park Organization Providing
Much-Needed Healthcare to Residents in Need

VOICES UNITED IN HARMONY

**Oratorio Society
of Estes Park**
Robert Charles Howard

Estes Park Chorale
Denise Stookesberry

**Estes Park
Chamber Singers**
Richard Dixon

The Week Ahead

Monday, February 24

9:30am Hospitality Committee

3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, February 25

8:30am Estes Nonprofit Network

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group

4:30pm EVICS Yoga Program

5:30pm The Learning Place Family Cafe

6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers

Wednesday, February 26

4:00pm Joyful Bells

5:30pm Luciana Quartet

5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 70455/77784

6:30pm Estes Park Chorale

Thursday, February 27

12:00pm Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group

1:00pm Meditation Trail Task Force

4:00pm Chancel Bells

6:30pm Chancel Choir

6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Friday, February 28

9:30am Merry Marthas

3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Saturday, March 1

9:30am Card-Making Group

10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449

Sunday, March 2

8:30am Journeys

10:00am Worship

6:00pm Oratorio Society Orchestra rehearsal

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Rebecca Chopp & Fred Thibodeau.

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

All women in the church are asked to stop by the PW table in the Narthex to pick up a **pledge letter** for Presbyterian Women. This letter is sent to all women of the church so by picking up your envelope, it will save postage. Thanks so much for your help.

Voices United in Harmony, a concert by the Oratorio Society of Estes Park Chorus, the Estes Park Chorale and the Estes Valley Chamber Singers, will be **this afternoon at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary**. Admission is free but donations will be gratefully accepted, with all proceeds to benefit Salud.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will not meet on February 26th, but will resume on March 5th at noon in the church Library. Details to come.

Mark your calendar for the **annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th** from 4:30 until 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. The meal is sponsored by Grace and Grub, serving delicious pancakes, ham and blueberries in a festive Mardi Gras atmosphere. The meal is free but donations will be collected to benefit Crossroads.

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.

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