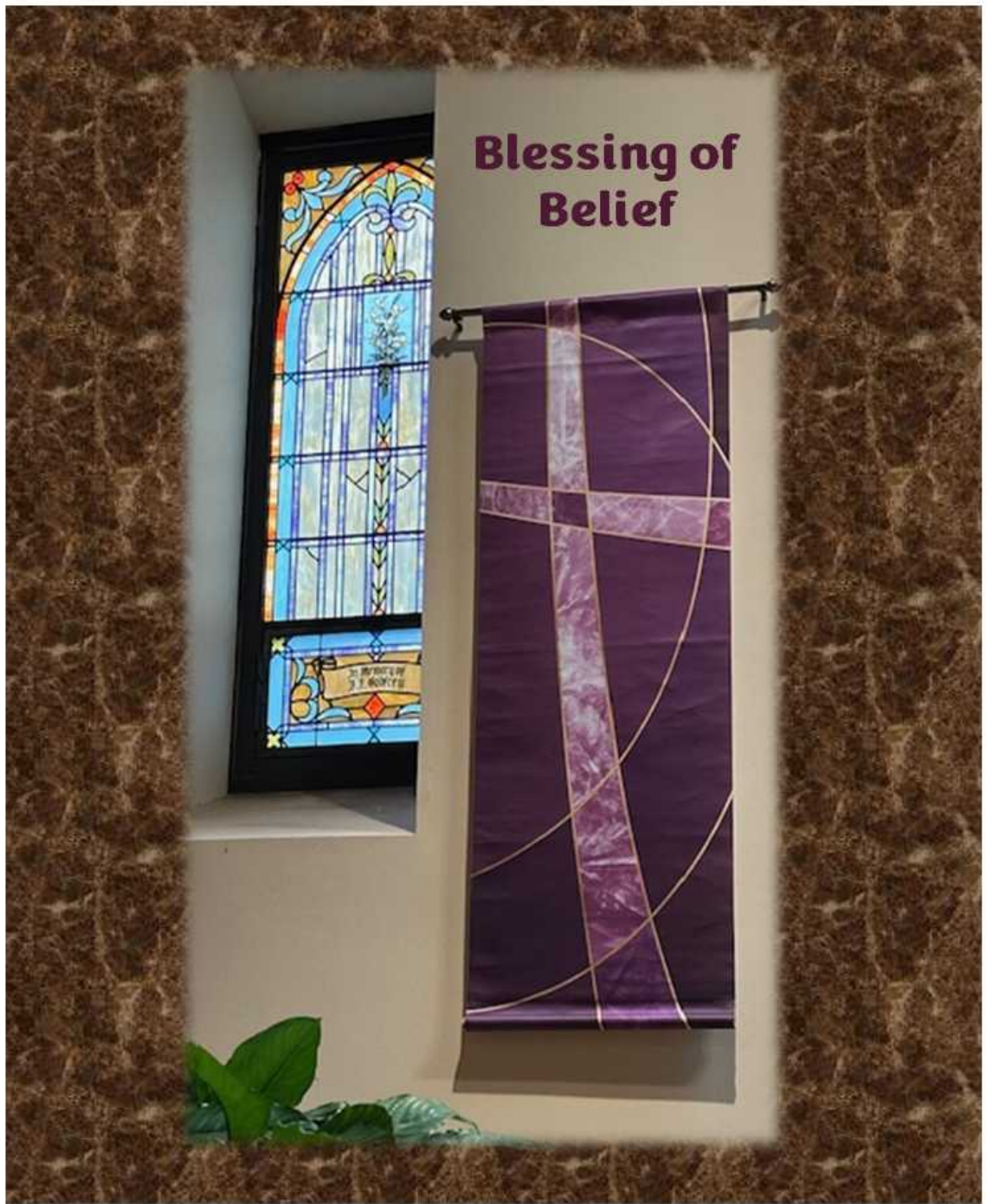


**Blessing of
Belief**



March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

“Even the cry from the depths is an affirmation: Why cry if there is no hint of hope of hearing?”

— Martin Marty

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 “Fugue on the Kyrie” François Couperin
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” Dixon

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 46) Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though the waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with tumult.
God’s love endures forever. Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 165** “The Glory of These Forty Days”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God, we come in prayer today with heavy hearts knowing that we have failed to live into your grace. We have not only avoided our neighbors, but we have kindled hatred for our enemies. This attack on humanity by disease and war has captured our minds and has us raging with anger. It causes us to forget about the common good and look only to our own individual needs. Forgive us. Help us seek solutions that reflect your grace.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Create in us a clean heart, O God;

Put a new and right spirit within us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

I Come with Joy **515**

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
F B^b C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

The musical score is written on three staves in 6/8 time. The first staff shows the melody with lyrics underneath. The second and third staves show the accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, B^b, C, F, and Dm. The lyrics are: "1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me."

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES *Romans 10:8-13, NRSV*

CHANCEL BELLS "Near the Cross" Sherman
Director, Patti Dolezal

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *Luke 4:1-13, NRSV*

MESSAGE "Blessing of Belief" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)** from the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

Sibyl Gardner

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"What Wondrous Love is This" - American Folk Hymn

John Innes

***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**

DEDICATION OF THE GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS

HYMN NO. 468 "In My Life" (Lord, Be Glorified) verses 2 & 3

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. 541**

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

(please remain standing)

POSTLUDE

"At the Name of Jesus"

Hymntune: *King's Weston*

**Please stand if you are able.*



List of Dedications

Thank you to all who sponsored the Glory to God hymnals

Betty & Kent Meyer in honor of Ethan Meyer, Jo Meyer Baker, Michael Baker, Riley Anderson, Mason Anderson, Jameson Zyskowski, Bella Anderson & Kayla Baker; and in memory of Morgan & June Meyer and Samuel & Dorothy Martin

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Pat Waltermire in memory of Kent Waltermire; and in honor of the wonderful choir

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Elizabeth Burke
Merry Nielsen in memory of Ford Nielsen
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Sue Dallam in memory of Sam Maier; and in honor of Kay Weigel
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Larry Pierce in memory of Nolan & Barbara Pierce

Chuck & Dale Bonza in honor of Rich Dixon

Meredith Ishida in memory of Rev. Bruce Brackman

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Jane & Ray Verm in memory of Kent Dannen

Joanie Kleckner in honor of Al & Melanie Wasson

Jim & Diane Hein

Janis Hess in memory of Madeline Wrobley & Lucille Hall

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 10

9:30am Finance Committee
3:00pm Lenten Psalm Study
3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, March 11

10:00am Building & Grounds Committee
12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
1:00pm Personnel Committee
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
4:30pm Deacons
6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers

Wednesday, March 12

10:30am Mission & Outreach Committee
12:00pm Bible Study
4:00pm Joyful Bells
5:30pm Luciana Quartet
5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 70455/77784
6:30pm Estes Park Chorale

Thursday, March 13

8:30am EPNRC Board Meeting
10:00am Christian Education Committee
12:00pm Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group
12:00pm SESSION REPORTS DUE
3:00pm Journeys Inner Work Group
4:00pm Chancel Bells
5:00pm EVICS
6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, March 14

3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Saturday, March 15

10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449

Sunday, March 16

CROSSROADS DONATION COLLECTION

8:15am Adult Sunday School
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 Linda & Larry Emsing.

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

“Just Coffee” is for sale in the Narthex today, thanks to the Mission and Outreach Committee. For \$12 you may purchase ground or beans, regular, decaf, or half & half. Porch delivery is always available.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine—

Join Pastor Christine for Bible Study at noon in the church Library on Wednesday, March 12th. This week’s topic is “Noah and the Flood” Scripture: Genesis 6:9—7:24

Lenten Psalm Study—For Lent, we will be embarking on a practice called lectio divina. This is an ancient practice where we read, meditate and pray on scripture, listening to how it speaks to us. We will be using the same scripture for all 6 weeks, getting deeper and deeper into the text, using different translations and even thinking about the Hebrew. The text will be Psalm 86. Join Pastor Christine on Mondays at 3:00pm beginning March 10th in the church Library. All are welcome!

Crossroads Ministry provides basic human services to our neighbors in the Estes Valley. Let’s help Crossroads practice practical Christian love to over 300 families by donating to the Crossroads market.

This month, the **CROSSROADS GROCERY CART will be in the Narthex on Sunday, March 16.**

Especially needed items are packages of spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce and boxes of oatmeal in individual packets. Remember; you’re giving a hand up, not a hand out, to someone in need!

Meditation Trail Task Force is looking for a few more members to help with rejuvenating our meditation trail. Please contact Sibyl Gardner at 310-880-3524 or the church office at office@pccrusa.org if you are interested.

The **Presbyterian Women’s Bible study** will meet next Monday, March 17, in the church library to discuss lesson seven in the Horizons Bible study book, *Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. Renee Warren will lead the discussion on “Economic Climate Justice.” We gather at 11:30 a.m. and the lesson begins at 12:00 noon. We hope you can join us.

For over 75 years the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering has provided Presbyterians a way to share God’s love with neighbors in need around the world. During Lent we will be learning about some of the projects supported by this offering through the three supported programs, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. The offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, but you can donate anytime during the Lenten season

New Church Directory—A new church directory is being prepared for publication to be distributed later in March. If you are a new member or are currently in the directory and would like to update your picture, please see Peter Plaut before or after the worship service.

Welcome Discussion: Information about Membership/Participation—On March 30th after worship, you are welcome to join us for an informal conversation about membership at PCCR. We will start with a bit of fellowship and then move into a time of questions and answers. You are welcome to join us if you are a full time resident or an occasional visitor. **Please contact the church office at 970-586-4404 or office@pccrusa.org with any questions.**

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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The first Sunday in Lent is symbolized through the twin vertical floral stems that suggest hands uplifted in prayer



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