

*The Blessing of Caring*

March 16, 2025

## 2nd Sunday in Lent

*"I am a Christian. He who answers thus has declared everything at once—his country, profession, family; the believer belongs to no city on earth but to the heavenly Jerusalem."*

— Saint John Chrysostom (347-407)

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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

"Fugue on the Kyrie"

François Couperin

Organist, Larry Gillim

#### CHORAL INTROIT

#### WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27:1)

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

***Whom shall I fear?***

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

***Of whom shall I be afraid? Come, seek God in this time of worship!***

#### \*OPENING HYMN No. 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

***God, we come in prayer today with heavy hearts knowing that we have failed to live as disciples of Christ. Even though Jesus has revealed the depth of your love, we have allowed ourselves to forget the significance of his sacrifice. Instead, we allow negative energy to occupy our minds and actions, and we forget about your call to love one another. Forgive us. Help us take up the cross by living in harmony with one another and doing your will.***

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<sup>b</sup> 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.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES** *Romans 5:1-8, NRSV*

**CHANCEL CHOIR** "Create In Me" Terre Johnson  
Director, Rich Dixon

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL** *Luke 13:31-35, NRSV*

**MESSAGE** "The Blessing of Caring" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY No. 282** "Come Down, O Love Divine"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)** from the Book of Order

*The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation.*

**PRESENTATION TO CROSSROADS**

Bob Holcomb

**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**

**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. 407**

"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*(please remain standing)*

**POSTLUDE**

"At the Name of Jesus"

Hymntune: King's Weston

*\*Please stand if you are able.*





## ***The Week Ahead***

### **Monday, March 17**

- 11:30am Presbyterian Women Bible Study
- 3:00pm Lenten Psalm Study
- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance
- 4:00pm Session

### **Tuesday, March 18 Newsletter Deadline**

- 12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 12:00pm PEO Chapter AV
- 3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
- 4:00pm Stephen Ministers
- 6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers

### **Wednesday, March 19**

- 9:30am Meditation Trail Task Force
- 12:00pm Bible Study
- 1:00pm The Good Grief Group
- 4:00pm Joyful Bells
- 5:30pm Luciana Quartet
- 6:30pm Estes Park Chorale

### **Thursday, March 20**

- 12:00pm Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group
- 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, March 21**

- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

### **Saturday, March 22**

- 10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449
- 4:00pm Girl Scout Daisy Troop 76904

### **Sunday, March 23**

- 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](http://www.pccrusa.org)*

## ***Announcements***

**Greeters this morning** are Carol & Brian Rood.

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

**Today is Crossroads Donation Day!** Please place any donations in the shopping cart located in the Narthex. Items currently needed are spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce and boxes of oatmeal in individual packets.

**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 through April 14th in the church Library. All are welcome!

**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](mailto:office@pccrusa.org) if you are interested.

The **Presbyterian Women's Bible study** will meet tomorrow, 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.

**Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine**—

Join Pastor Christine for Bible Study at noon in the church Library on Wednesday, March 19th. This week's topic is "Covenant with Noah" Scripture: Genesis 8-9:17

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is funded by the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Natural disasters are intensifying in frequency and scale. Initial grants have supported recovery from wildfires, tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes and storms in thirteen states. Recovery grants were given in fifteen states.

**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](mailto:office@pccrusa.org) with any questions.**

**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.

**Upcoming:**

Saturday, April 5—A memorial service for Catherine Moon will be held in the Sanctuary at 2:00pm followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday Worship Service, followed by Brunch in Fellowship Hall hosted by the Hospitality Committee.

Thursday, April 17—Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 5:00pm

Friday, April 18—Good Friday Worship Service at 12:00 noon

Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday Worship Service with bells, choir and brass

Friday, April 25—Oratorio Society of Estes Park concert at 7:00pm

Saturday, April 26—Oratorio Society of Estes Park concert at 2:00pm

*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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Nancy Almond • Curtis Fox • Judy Schaffer • Steve Wilson  
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The second Sunday in Lent is symbolized with The Word (bible), the Light (candle) and Life (living plant)



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