



Life in Community: *Our* Jesus

May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

"Love is the greatest power for the transformation of reality because it pulls down the walls of selfishness and fills the ditches that keep us apart."

— Pope Francis

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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Hymntune: *Madrid* Alice Jordan
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHANCEL BELLS INTROIT "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Larson

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Isaiah 61) Liturgist, Bill Almond

The Spirit of God is with us.

God has called us to proclaim the Good News,

To comfort those who mourn,

To heal the broken hearted,

To bring joy,

To rejoice in the Lord.

Let us sing praises to God! Let us rejoice in the Risen Lord!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen

***OPENING HYMN NO. 242** "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we come in prayer today aware of your love and yet not trusting in your forgiveness. Individually, we continue to hold onto self-defeating attitudes and dislike the person that we see in the mirror. Corporately, we question those around us and forget to recognize the gifts of others. Forgive us and help us embrace the truth that you love us, flaws and all. Instead of self-defeat, let us cherish the gifts that you have given us and help us use those gifts to glorify you.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

Be Not Afraid

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Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 12:3-8, NRSV

CHANCEL BELLS

"I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

Morris

Saxophone, Darin Workman

Director, Patti Dolezal

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 21:1-19, NRSV

MESSAGE

"Life in Community: *Our Jesus*"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 314 "Christ, Be Our Light"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

from the Confession of 1967

The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Meditation 35"

Flor Peeters

***DOXOLOGY**

(Hymnal # 606)

*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**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

Lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS: #562 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (See next page)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CHANCEL BELLS

"In Remembrance"

Ingram

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 826**

"Lift High the Cross"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being"

Hymntune: *Rustington*

**Please stand if you are able.*

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Renee & Mike Warren.

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

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.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine —

Join Pastor Christine for Bible Study at noon in the church Library on Wednesday, May 7. This week's topic is "Abraham and Sarah" Scripture: Genesis 17-18:14

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer —

The Adult Study Group will begin meeting on Fridays at 10:00am starting May 9th in the church Library. We will be starting a new course by Dr. Cyndi Parker: "Listening to the Land of the Bible Part 2" which will help explain why people originally settled in what is now Israel and the importance of that particular spot. All are welcome!

The **Ballet Renaissance Spring 2025 Performance**, "Toward Home," is being dedicated to the life and legacy of Catherine Moon. The performance will take place Saturday, May 10 at the Estes Park High School Auditorium and will feature students who train with Ballet Renaissance here at Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies. For further details email balletren@balletren.org

"Just Coffee" will be for sale in the Narthex next Sunday, May 11, thanks to the Mission and Outreach Committee. For \$12 you may purchase ground or beans, regular, decaf, or half and half. Porch delivery is always available.

Next Sunday, May 11, the **PW Birthday Offering** will be collected and dedicated. The 2025 Birthday Offering recipients are Windward Volunteer Housing Facility which will provide housing for volunteers helping with disaster recovery as well as local people in need of safe housing, and Red Cloud Renewable, a Native-led nonprofit which provides workforce development by teaching local tribal members to build dome houses in response to a housing crisis.

If you would like to serve as a **greeter** at church on Sunday morning, please contact Lois Ellingwood at 970-586-3064 or ldellingwood13@gmail.com

Upcoming:

Saturday, May 10—Estes Park Chorale Concert at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 18—Estes Valley Chamber Singers Concert at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary

Monday, May 26—Church Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day

Friday, May 30—Memorial Service for Lois Cheney at 10:30am

Sunday, June 1—Foundation Presentation at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall

*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 Week Ahead

Monday, May 5

8:30am Estes Nonprofit Network
10:00am Christian Education Committee
1:00pm Membership Committee
3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, May 6

10:00am Digital Access System
12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
12:00pm PEO Chapter AV
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers
6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, May 7

9:30am Meditation Trail Task Force
12:00pm Bible Study
12:30pm Estes Nonprofit Network
4:00pm Joyful Bells
5:30pm Luciana Quartet

Thursday, May 8

8:30am EPNRC Board Meeting
10:00am Digital Access System
12:00pm Stepping Stones AI-Anon Group
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, May 9

10:00am Adult Study Group
10:00am Ballet Renaissance
6:00pm Estes Park Chorale rehearsal

Saturday, May 10

10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449
2:00pm Estes Park Chorale Concert
5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, May 11

8:30am Journeys
10:00am Worship

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org



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