



*Life in Community:
Listening for God*

May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter

"Every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message."

— Malcolm Muggeridge (British journalist and Christian apologist)

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 "Toccata in E minor" Johann Pachelbel
"Lord, Save Thy World" Kedron, from *U.S. Harmony 1799*
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 23 and Luke 24) Liturgist, Evelyn Wilson

The Lord God is our shepherd, God cares for us and takes care of all our needs.

God restores our soul.

God leads us and protects us.

God comforts us.

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen

***OPENING HYMN NO. 822** "When We Are Living"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we come to prayer today knowing that we do not always heed your call. We forget about your message of love, your charge to us to help others, and your desire that we create a world where hope and kindness reign. Instead, we turn away and chase cheap promises and shallow solutions. God, forgive us and help us find guidance for our lives in you.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

Be Not Afraid

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The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The music is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

JOYFUL BELLS

"One Foundation"

Compton

Director, Patti Dolezal

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 53:1-6, NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Awake My Heart"

Watts/Clemens

Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 10:19-30, CEB

MESSAGE

"Life in Community: Listening for God"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY No. 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

From the Confession of 1967

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world of God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Renee Warren

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word"

Piet Post

***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**

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. 268**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

(please remain standing)

POSTLUDE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

Tune: Coronation

**Please stand if you are able.*



The Week Ahead

Monday, May 12

- 9:30am Finance Committee
- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, May 13

- 10:00am Building and Grounds Committee
- 12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 1:00pm Personnel Committee
- 3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
- 3:00pm Worship and Music Committee
- 4:30pm Deacons
- 6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers
- 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, May 14

- 8:30am Estes Nonprofit Network
- 10:00am Mission and Outreach Committee
- 1:00pm The Good Grief Group
- 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 70455/77784

Thursday, May 15

- 12:00pm Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group
- 3:00pm Columbarium Committee
- 5:00pm EVICS
- 6:00pm Men's Quartet
- 6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 16

- 10:00am Adult Study Group
- 3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Saturday, May 17

- 10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449
- 4:00pm Girl Scout Daisy Troop 76904
- 5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, May 18 CROSSROADS DONATION COLLECTION

- 8:30am Journeys
- 10:00am Worship
- 2:00pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers Concert

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Betty & Kent Meyer.

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

Celebrate Mother's Day today by contributing to the **PW Birthday Offering**, which is being collected today. By participating in this offering, you can celebrate the many blessings you have experienced and at the same time provide safe and affordable housing for those in need. Let us follow Deuteronomy 16:15b, "For the Lord your God will Bless you in all your produce and in all your undertakings, and *you shall surely celebrate.*" You will find yellow Thank Offering envelopes in the pews.

Former church member **Harriet Irwin** passed away on May 2nd. Prior to moving from Estes Park to Florida, Harriet served as a Deacon at PCCR. Cards and messages can be sent to her daughter, Terry Irwin, 7691 S. Depew Way, Littleton, CO 80128. The family has requested that memorials be sent in Harriet's name to the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies or to the Estes Valley Library.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine—

There will be **no class** on Wednesday, May 14. Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, May 21 at noon in the church Library, continuing in Genesis with "Sodom and Gomorrah."

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer —

Not Your Mother's Sunday School (a.k.a. Adult Sunday School) will meet Friday, May 15, 10am in the Library. All are welcome to join us as we continue "Listening to the Land of the Bible." This week we will consider *Jesus in Context: Galilee, Geography, Teaching the Crowds and Jerusalem*. Lectures are on video, presented by Dr. Cyndi Parker, Professor of Holy Land Studies at the Israel Bible Center. Classes stand alone — you can come once or every week and we guarantee you will go away with some knowledge and understanding.

CROSSROADS GROCERY CART will be in the Narthex on Sunday, May 18. **Especially needed items are hearty soups, canned fruit, Stove Top Stuffing & Knorr side dishes.**

CHANGE IN THE DATE FOR "JUST COFFEE" SALES—

Café Justo is now able to make a shipment in time to sell coffee on Sunday May 18 instead of today. For \$12 you may purchase ground or beans, regular, decaf, or half and half. Porch delivery is always available. Since the Crossroads grocery cart will also be in the Narthex on the 18th, this provides a wonderful opportunity for non-coffee people to buy a bag to add to the donation cart.

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, May 19, in the church library to discuss lesson nine, our last lesson for the Horizons Bible study book, *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. Betty Meyer will lead the discussion on "Sustaining Creation's Health for All." We will also be sharing a salad potluck lunch starting at 11:00 am to celebrate our year together.

Don't forget to make your reservation for the **Foundation luncheon** and presentation by Matt Veenker with First National Bank of Omaha, to be held on Sunday, June 1st following worship. Add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, contact Mike Warren at mike.p.warren@comcast.net

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

The **Estes Valley Chamber Singers** will present their spring concert, *Celebrating the Music of Randall Thompson*, on Sunday, May 18 at 2:00pm in the church sanctuary. Many of the singers are members of our very own PCCR Chancel Choir. There is no charge to attend the concert, but any donations are greatly appreciated.

Upcoming:

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 and Luncheon immediately following the worship service in Fellowship Hall

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Happy Mother's Day



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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