



*Life in Community:
Love one Another*

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

"Every human interaction offers you the chance to make things better or to make things worse."

— Barbara Brown Taylor

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

PRELUDE

"This Joyful Eastertide"

Emma Lou Diemer
Organist, Jill Hunt

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 148 and Luke 24)

Liturgist, Kent Meyer

Praise the Lord!

From the Heavens!

Praise the Lord!

In the heights!

Praise the Lord!

From the earth!

Praise the Lord!

All people old and young together!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen

*OPENING HYMN NO. 299

"You Servants of God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we come today seeking forgiveness for our inability to love one another as you have instructed us. Instead, we live in alienation from an angry world fraught with war, disease, environmental stress, and political unrest. Instead of seeking solutions through your love, we turn away. Forgive us. Help us to step outside of our fear and reach out to others with the love that you have shown us. Help us trust that as your disciples, we can make a difference and help the world to heal.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

"Be Not Afraid"

#243

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 a two-part setting of the hymn 'Be Not Afraid'. It consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff of each system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music concludes with a double bar line.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 13:8-10, NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Dan Forrest
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35, NRSV

MESSAGE

"Life in Community: Love One Another"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

From the Confession of 1967

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"This Joyful Eastertide"

John Ferguson

***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**

DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL AND THE LOUNGE

Choral Response

Renovation funds for both areas provided from the Estate of Frank and Barbara Lane

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. 300**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

(please remain standing)

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Gaudeamus Pariter"

James Biery

**Please stand if you are able.*



The Week Ahead

Monday, May 19

- 8:00am Estes Nonprofit Network
- 9:30am Hospitality Committee
- 11:00am Presbyterian Women's Bible Study and salad potluck lunch
- 4:00pm Session

Tuesday, May 20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- 10:00am Digital Access System Sub-Committee
- 12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, May 21

- 9:30am Meditation Trail Task Force
- 12:00pm Bible Study

Thursday, May 22

- 10:00am Digital Access System Sub-Committee
- 12:00pm Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group
- 6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, May 23

- 9:30am Merry Marthas
- 10:00am Adult Study Group

Saturday, May 24

- 5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, May 25

- 10:00am Worship
- 1:00pm Mountain Top Marriage Retreat

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Fran & Dick Gabrielson.

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Card-Making Group.

Today is Crossroads Donation Day! Please place any donations in the shopping cart located in the Narthex. Items currently needed are hearty soups, canned fruit, Stove Top Stuffing & Knorr side dishes.

"Just Coffee" will be 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 and half. Porch delivery is always available.

The Estes Valley Chamber Singers will present their spring concert, *Celebrating the Music of Randall Thompson*, **this afternoon 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.

The **Presbyterian Women's Bible Study** will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 19, in the church library to discuss lesson nine in 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 11:00am** to celebrate our year together. Please bring a salad of your choice to share. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine—

Join Pastor Christine for Bible Study at noon in the church Library on Wednesday, May 21. This week's topic is "Sodom and Gomorrah" Scripture: Genesis 18:16-19:29

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer —

Not Your Mother's Sunday School (a.k.a. Adult Sunday School) will meet Friday, May 23, 10am in the Library. All are welcome to join us. Classes stand alone — you can come once, or every week, and we guarantee you will go away with some knowledge and understanding.

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

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.

Upcoming:

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

Sunday, June 1—Foundation Presentation and Luncheon immediately following the worship service in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 7—Church Clean-up/Work Day at 8:30am

Sunday, June 22—Mission Fair following the worship service in Fellowship Hall

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