



**Status Quo?**

*Life in Community:  
Questioning the Status Quo*

May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

*"Conversion is the lifelong process of turning away from our plans and turning toward God's maddening, disruptive, creativity."*

—M. Craig Barnes (former President Princeton Theological Seminary)

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TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Meditation on "How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord"

Mark Sedio  
Organist, Jill Hunt

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67 and Luke 24)

Liturgist, Amy Fox

The Lord God blesses us!

***Let all the people praise you God!***

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

***Let all the people praise you God!***

The earth abounds in your love!

***Let all the people praise you God!***

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

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen***

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 260

"Alleluia! Sing To Jesus"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

***Gracious God, you remind that in you our hearts should not be troubled, and that we should not be afraid. And yet we live in fear for what the future holds. This is a fear that impacts our relationships, our careers, and our mission. God, we ask for forgiveness and renewed strength to carry out your redemptive work.***

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!

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

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 melody is 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 SCRIPTURE**

*Hebrews 11:1-3, NRSV*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**"Fairest Lord Jesus"**

arr. Mark Hayes  
Director, Rich Dixon

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*John 5:1-9, NTFE*

**MESSAGE**

**"Life in Community: Questioning the Status Quo"**

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 796** **"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

From the Confession of 1967

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

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

Prelude on "Repton"

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**

**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. 432**

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*(please remain standing)*

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude on "Hyfrydol"

Raymond H. Haan

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



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## ***The Week Ahead***

### **Monday, May 26**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day

Mountain Top Marriage Retreat (all day)

4:30pm Grace and Grub

### **Tuesday, May 27**

Mountain Top Marriage Retreat (all day)

8:30am Estes Nonprofit Network

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group

7:00pm Hispanic Bible Study

### **Wednesday, May 28**

Mountain Top Marriage Retreat (all day)

9:30am Meditation Trail Task Force

12:00pm Bible Study

1:00pm The Good Grief Group

### **Thursday, May 29**

Mountain Top Marriage Retreat (all day)

12:00pm Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group

6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

6:30pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, May 30**

Mountain Top Marriage Retreat (all day)

10:00am Adult Study Group

10:30am Memorial Service for Lois Cheney

### **Saturday, May 31**

5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

### **Sunday, June 1**

8:30am Journeys

10:00am Worship

11:00am Foundation Presentation

*See the full church calendar on [www.pccrusa.org](http://www.pccrusa.org)*



## ***Announcements***

**Greeters this morning** are Bonnie & Pete Vanderveen.

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

### **Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine—**

Join Pastor Christine for Bible Study at noon in the church Library on Wednesday, May 28. This week's topic is "Bad choices and God's redeeming work" Scripture: Genesis 19:20-20:18

### **Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer —**

Not Your Mother's Sunday School (a.k.a. Adult Sunday School) will meet Friday, May 30, 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.

Today is the last day 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](mailto:mike.p.warren@comcast.net)

**Church Clean-Up/Work Day** will be Saturday, June 7th from 8:00am-12:00 noon. Bring your gloves and rakes and join the members of the Building & Grounds Committee beautify our church property.

**The Rocky Ridge Music Center will hold a series of concerts** throughout the month of June featuring their students and staff. The first of these concerts will be on Friday, June 6th from 5:00-6:00pm in the Sanctuary with performances by the University Division faculty. All are invited to attend.

**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.

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](mailto:ldellingwood13@gmail.com)

**Upcoming:**

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

Friday, June 6—Rocky Ridge Music Center Faculty Concert at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary

Saturday, June 7—Church Clean-up/Work Day at 8:00am

Thursday, June 12—Rocky Ridge Music Center Student Concert at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, June 22—Mission Fair following the worship service 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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