

**Jazz Service**  
**August 3, 2025**



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## Jazz Service/8th Sunday after Pentecost

*"That is one of the functions of art: to present what the narrow and desperately practical perspectives of real life exclude."*

— C.S. Lewis

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### TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

#### PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace in Blue"

arr. Tim Curd

Pianist, Verlene Thorp

Tenor Sax, Darin Workman

#### CHORAL INTROIT

"A Jazz Introit"

J. Richard Dixon

#### WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 106)

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,

***God's faithful love lasts forever.***

Give thanks to the Lord because of his wondrous works,

***God fills up the hungry and delivers the desperate.***

Give thanks to the Lord because he gathers us together,

***God's wondrous works are for all people.***

Give thanks to the Lord Jesus, who is our guide and friend,

***God gathers us together in worship and praise!***

#### \*OPENING HYMN (SEE BULLETIN)

"Praise Him, Praise Him"

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Merciful God, we come today in prayer aware of the lesson you teach about kindness and forgiveness. Yet we admit that we do not always act in ways that reflect your teaching. We often ignore your call to forgive others. We often turn away when someone is in need. God forgive us and help us live into your teachings about loving our neighbors as ourselves.***

Silent Prayer of Confession

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE:**

*"Softly and Tenderly"*

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.*

*See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.*

*"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."*

*Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Down By the Riverside"*

arr. Kate Agioritis  
The Highland Brass

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE**

*Genesis 11:1-9, NRSV*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

*"A Gospel Alleluia"*

Joel Raney  
Director, Rich Dixon

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 12:13-31, NRSV*

**MESSAGE**

*"When Jesus Tells a Story"*

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 829** *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" verses 1,2 & 3*

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

arr. Ivan R. Brand  
The Highland Brass

**\*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.***

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

*God of love. Thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome. Thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for others who hunger and thirst for good news. 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!)*

**INTRODUCING DARBY RAND, OUR NEW FINANCIAL MANAGER**

**\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 697**

"Take My Life" verses 1,2,5 & 6

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Nearer My God to Thee" arr. & original music: James Stevens

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



**A special Thank You to the Highland Brass for joining us this morning!**

Dave Scott, 1st Trumpet

Neil Johnson, 2nd Trumpet

Jerry Brubaker, French Horn

Curtis Fox, Trombone

Chuck Varilek, Tuba

*You are invited to join the Highland Brass in Fellowship Hall immediately following this service as they treat us to a few more musical selections*

## ***Announcements***

**Greeters this morning** are Fran & Dick Gabrielson.

**Fellowship Time**—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by friends of PCCR.

**Welcome Discussion: Information about Membership/Participation**—Following today's worship service, 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.**

**Worship on Wednesday Community Service**—Join Pastor Christine and the Worship & Music Committee for **faith, fun, camp songs & fellowship** at the Outdoor Chapel on Wednesday, August 6 at 5:00pm. Members of PCCR along with members of our community are invited!

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

The Adult Study Group will meet in the church Library at 10:00am on Friday, August 8. We are following the life of Jesus and how the land itself impacted His ministry. We welcome anyone who wants to explore the Faith from different angles or who likes to join in discussions (sometimes sharing our own ignorance!)

**"Just Coffee"** will be for sale in the Narthex next Sunday, August 10, 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.

**Help celebrate the dedication of the Kent Dannen Meditation Trail** and the completion of the first phase following the worship service on Sunday, August 10th. Special thanks to Sibyl Gardner and the Meditation Trail Task Force along with all who have donated volunteer time on this project.

**Pie Social and Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing**—The Hospitality Committee will be hosting this annual event on Sunday, August 17th immediately following the worship service. Bring your favorite pie to share and your singing voice as we enjoy fellowship and fabulous sweets. Pies can be either baked or bought, there are no restrictions. See you there!

**Save the Date!!** The annual miniature golf tournament, to benefit our denomination's **Global Ecumenical Partnerships** agency, is coming up soon! Save the date: **Monday, September 8**, starting promptly at 5:00 p.m. at the Cascade Creek mini-golf course at Ride-A-Kart (corner of Mall Road and U.S. 34). More details and sign-ups to come soon!

### Upcoming:

Wednesday, August 6—**Worship on Wednesday** at 5:00pm at the Outdoor Chapel

Sunday, August 10—Kent Dannen Meditation Trail Celebration following worship

Wednesday, August 13—**Worship on Wednesday** at 5:00pm at the Outdoor Chapel

Sunday, August 17—Pie Social and Hymn Sing immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 1—Church office closed in observance of Labor Day.

Wednesday, September 3—Memorial service for Karen McClure at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 8—Mini-golf Tournament to benefit Global Ecumenical Partnerships agency at 5:00pm at the Cascade Creek course at Ride-A-Kart

*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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Chuck Slicker • Mike Dempsey • Brenda Gillum

Jack Holmquist • Joanie Kleckner • Patti Dolezal

John Davis • Larry Pierce • Marilyn Irwin



## ***The Week Ahead***

### **Monday, August 4**

1:00pm Membership Committee

### **Tuesday, August 5**

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group

6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

### **Wednesday, August 6**

9:30am Meditation Trail Task Force

12:30pm Estes Nonprofit Network

1:00pm The Good Grief Group

5:00pm Worship on Wednesday at the  
Outdoor Chapel

### **Thursday, August 7**

12:00pm Stepping Stones Al-Anon  
Group

### **Thursday, August 7 (cont'd)**

5:00pm EVICS

6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

6:30pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, August 8**

10:00am Adult Study Group

### **Saturday, August 9**

5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

### **Sunday, August 10**

10:00am Worship

11:00am Kent Dannen Meditation Trail  
Celebration

*See the full church calendar on*

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

### ***Meet the new Finance Manager...***



This is Darby Rand, your new finance manager and the latest addition to the PCCR staff team. Alaska's back country is where I grew up, but Estes Park has been my sanctuary all my life. My grandmother, Carole Rouse, has lived here over 30 years and when I became a missionary overseas, I made Estes home base. From Nepal, to Costa Rica, to Honduras, I traveled the world working in business ministry, children's ministry and anti-human trafficking efforts. When God called me back to the states I was able to pursue my passion for writing and finished several books currently being queried for publication. While writing

has been a lifelong obsession, numbers and mathematics have always come naturally. After assisting multiple companies with their bookkeeping and finance, I felt a call back into ministry. Some of you may recognize me from the last few Chamber Singers concerts, I'm the 28 year old with bright colored braids. I am so excited to join your church family and I look forward to helping us continue to be good stewards of all that God has blessed us with.



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