



**Learning by Prophecy**

August 17, 2025

10th Sunday after Pentecost

*“The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us.”*

— Walter Brueggemann

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**TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION**

**PRELUDE**

“Choral” and “Prayer” from *Suite Gothique*

Boëllmann

Organist, Larry Gillum

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**WELCOME**

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist, Chuck Bonza

O Lord, we come to worship you, seeking your tender care.

***Lead us, Good Shepherd, into your path.***

We come for healing and guidance.

***Restore us Lord, with your love and forgiveness;***

We come to receive the light of your presence.

***May our prayers and our worship be acceptable to you.***

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 37**

“Let All Things Now Living”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***God of Grace, you provide us with the hope for tomorrow and the tools to effect positive change. Even though you call us to be peacemakers, we often find excuses to run away and focus on selfish choices. God forgive us and help us live together as the body of Christ to build a kingdom where your love reigns supreme, and peace becomes the norm rather than the exception.***

Silent Prayer of Confession

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE:**

## Come to Me, O Weary Traveler 183

4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.  
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff has a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music is: D G A D A D A. The second line of music is: Bm G Em Bm A G D A D G D.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE** *Jeremiah 23:23-29, NRSV*

**CHANCEL CHOIR** "Holy Manna" John Carter  
Director, Rich Dixon

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL** *Luke 12:49-56, NRSV*

**MESSAGE** "Learning by Prophecy" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 314** "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the PCUSA Book of Order

*The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world (1 Cor. 12:27-28):*

*The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.*

*The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.*

*The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.*

*The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.*

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

“Simple Gifts” - Shaker Hymn

Jon Spong

**\*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. 722**

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*(please remain standing)*

**POSTLUDE**

“In Thee is Gladness”

Hymntune, *In Der ist Freude*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



## ***The Week Ahead***

### **Monday, August 18**

7:30am Estes Nonprofit Network  
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance  
4:00pm Session

### **Tuesday, August 19**

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group  
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance  
6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

### **Wednesday, August 20**

1:00pm The Good Grief Group

### **Thursday, August 21**

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

### **Friday, August 22**

9:30am Merry Marthas  
10:00am Adult Study Group  
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

### **Saturday, August 23**

5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

### **Sunday, August 24**

10:00am Worship

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

## ***Announcements***

**Greeters this morning** are Jane & Ray Verm.

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

Today immediately following the worship service, the Hospitality Committee is hosting their annual **Pie Social and Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing**. You are invited to join them in Fellowship Hall to enjoy a piece of pie, fellowship with old and new friends and an opportunity to sing some of your favorite hymns. See you there!

**CROSSROADS GROCERY CART** will be in the Narthex today! Especially needed items are **onions, toilet paper, sliced bread, canned chicken and canned beef**. Remember; you're giving a hand up, not a hand out, to someone in need!

**Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer** —

The Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) continues on Friday, August 22 at 10:00am. The current study looks at some favorite Bible passages: Deuteronomy 6, Isaiah 53, Psalm 23 and Matthew 5. A group of 4 professors explain the texts by considering geography, language, culture and other ancient sources. Instead of a single lecturer the seminar format features several experts who bring their combined knowledge to reflect on texts as they interact with each other's views and opinions. You are welcome to come once, or several times. You are encouraged to bring a Bible for the series.

**Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine** is on summer break and will start up again on Wednesday, September 10th. Watch the bulletin for more information.

**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 pm at the Cascade Creek mini-golf course at Ride-A-Kart (corner of Mall Road and U.S. 34). See the insert in this bulletin for more information and to sign up.

**Vacation Bible School Coming to PCCR Summer 2026!!** The new Christian Education Committee is excited to announce that PCCR will be hosting Vacation Bible School in the Summer of '26! We need **YOU** to help make it unforgettable! Whether you can serve behind the scenes, lead a group, or lend your creative talents, your contribution will help plant seeds of faith that will last a lifetime.

If you're ready to join the VBS planning team, please contact Jennifer Workman at 620-309-8365 or [ckcworkman@gmail.com](mailto:ckcworkman@gmail.com) . Let's work together to make this Vacation Bible School a blessing for every child who walks through our doors!

**Upcoming:**

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

Sunday, September 14—Blessing of the Animals at 2:00pm at the Outdoor Chapel

Sunday, September 21—Celebration reception for Larry Gillum honoring his 25 years of service to PCCR following the worship service

*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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