

August 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

"Compassion reveals the inner nature of God."

— Andrew Purves

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

PRELUDE

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Diane Bish
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 95:1-2)

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 12**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in the light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is on the top staff and the accompaniment is on the bottom staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: D, G, A, D, A, D, A for the first staff and Bm, G, Em, Bm, A, G, D, A, D, G, D for the second staff.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 58:9b-14, NRSV*

CHANCEL CHOIR "Thy Spirit, Lord, Has Stirred Our Souls" arr. Paul Busselberg
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *Luke 13:10-17, NRSV*

MESSAGE Rev. Chris Davis

***HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 340** "This Is My Song"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Meditation No. 3 on a Modal Theme" Dom Paul Benoit

***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**

God of glory, receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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. 797**

"We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

(please remain standing)

POSTLUDE

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Hymntune, Forest Green

**Please stand if you are able.*



The Week Ahead

Monday, August 25

- 9:30am Hospitality Committee
- 4:30pm Grace and Grub

Tuesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 28

- 12:00pm Stepping Stones AI-Anon Group
- 6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, August 29

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

Saturday, August 30

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

Sunday, August 31

- 10:00am Worship
- 3:00pm Private Memorial Service for Brenton Washburne

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Renee & Mike Warren.

Fellowship Time—Join us today for coffee and treats hosted by Grace and Grub.

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer —

The Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) continues on Friday, August 29 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.

Welcome Discussion: Information about Membership/Participation—Following the worship service on **Sunday, August 31st**, 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 with any questions.**

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.

The Summer Residents are hosting Fellowship Hour on August 31st. If you are one of our many attendees that worship with us throughout the summer and would like to help bring treats or help with set-up or clean up, please contact Kathy Sherrod at rksherrod@yahoo.com

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 . Let's work together to make this Vacation Bible School a blessing for every child who walks through our doors!

Upcoming:

Sunday, August 31—Information Discussion about Membership/Participation following the worship service

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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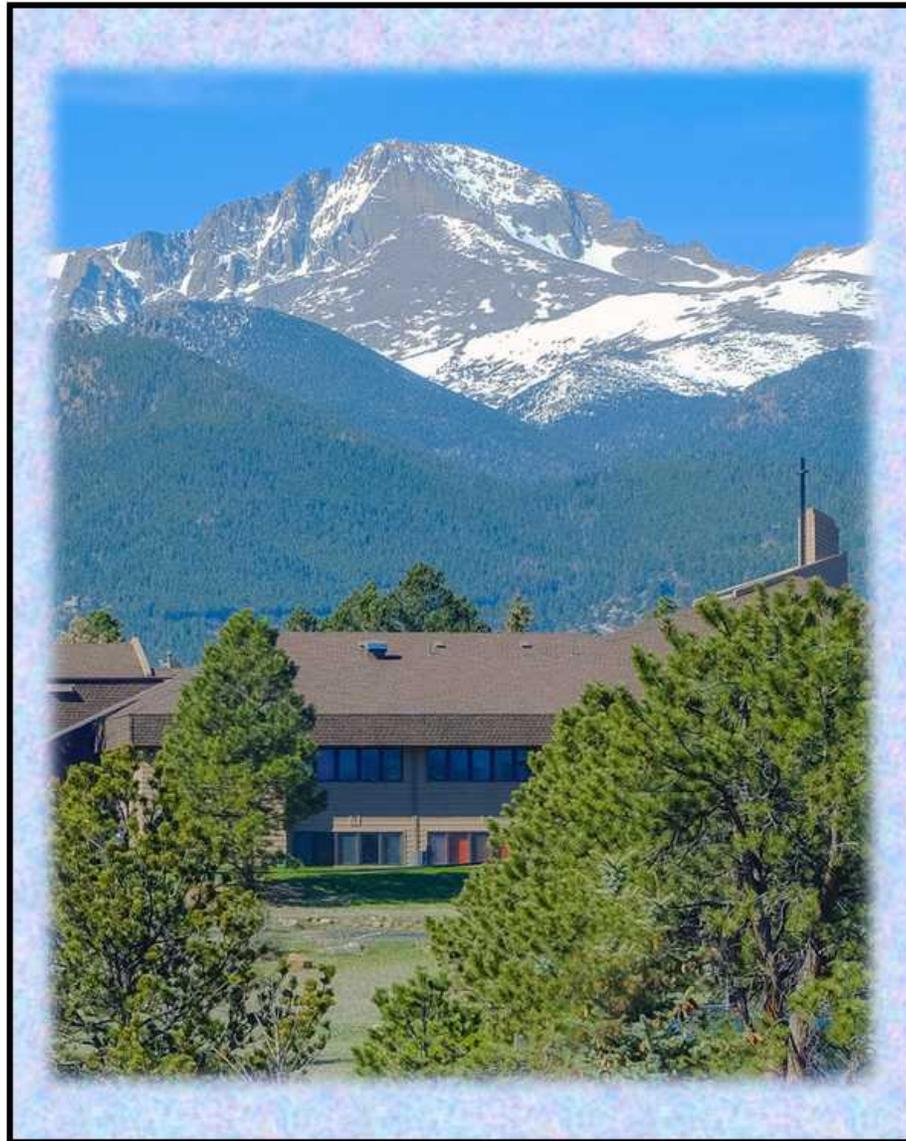
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