



**Listening to Moses and
the Prophets**

September 28, 2025
16th Sunday after Pentecost

“Until he extends his circle of compassion to include all living things, man will not himself find peace.”

— Albert Schweitzer

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

PRELUDE

“Choral,” Op. 37, No. 4

Joseph Jongen
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist, Randy Brigham

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

***OPENING HYMN No. 258**

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us to fight the good fight of the faith and to take hold of the eternal life. Yet, we fail to do this. Instead, we focus our hearts on things that are harmful. We find ourselves drawn to media sources that degrade others. We listen to voices that feed on fear and division. We forget about those who are most in need. Forgive us God. Help us build up the body of Christ by living into our role as your disciples bringing love and hope to those we encounter.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

The musical score is written for a choir in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE *Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, NRSV*

CHANCEL CHOIR "The New 23rd"

Carmichael
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *Luke 16:19-31, NRSV*

MESSAGE "Listening to Moses and the Prophets" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from a Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Randy Brigham

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Betty Meyer

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Blessed Assurance”

Tune: Assurance—Gillum

***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. 273**

“He Is King of Kings”

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

(please remain standing)

POSTLUDE

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymntune: *Lobe den Herren*

**Please stand if you are able.*



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Announcements

Greeters this morning are Bonnie & Pete Vanderveen.

Fellowship Time—Join us today for coffee and treats hosted by the Foundation.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will be on Wednesday, October 1st at 12:00 noon in the church Library. This week's topic is "Like Father, Like Son?", Genesis Chapter 26. All are welcome to join!

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer —

The Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) continues on Friday, October 3 at 10:00am. The current study looks at some favorite Bible passages: 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.

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:

Saturday, October 4—Memorial Service for Merry Nielsen at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary

Sunday, October 12—Kirkin O' the Tartans & Harvest Fest, more information to follow

Sunday, October 19—Information Discussion about Membership/Participation following the worship service

Growing Forward...



Growing Forward In Fellowship Through Personal Involvement

Start Where You Are

- Attend our fellowship after worship
- Join a bible study
- Sign up for our monthly newsletter & consider these meaningful opportunities
- Participate in worship through choir or tech support
- Join a ministry that matches your interests and skills
- Volunteer for special events and seasonal celebrations

Your Place to Serve

- Hospitality committee
- Building and grounds maintenance
- Office assistance and administrative support
- Audio/visual and live streaming support
- Greeting and ushering
- Community outreach and mission work
- Small group facilitation
- Mentoring and discipleship programs
- Church leadership positions

Connect Beyond Sunday

- Choir practice and music ministry
- Grace and Grub fellowship potlucks
- Seasonal celebrations and events
- Mission team members

Take Your Next Step

- **Pray** about where God might be calling you to serve
- **Talk** with church leaders
- **Try** something new
- **Commit** to one area where you can serve consistently

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 29

9:30pm Hospitality Committee
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
4:00pm Boundaries Training

Tuesday, September 30

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
3:30pm Nominating Committee
4:30pm EVICS
6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers
6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, October 1

12:00pm Bible Study
12:30pm Estes Nonprofit Network
1:00pm The Good Grief Group
4:00pm Joyful Bells
6:30pm Estes Park Chorale rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

12:00pm Stepping Stones Al-Anon
Group
4:00pm Chancel Bells
5:00pm EVICS
6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, October 3

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

Saturday, October 4

9:30am Card-Making Group
2:00pm Memorial Service for Merry
Nielsen
5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, October 5

8:30am Journeys
10:00am Worship
4:30pm Oratorio Society of Estes Park
rehearsal

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