



Building Bridges

October 5, 2025
World Communion Sunday

"We are wrong when we say that we must verify God and then we will have faith in him. Faith throws a bridge toward God and finds the divine Reality."

— Hugh Thomson Kerr (organizer of World Communion Sunday)

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

PRELUDE

"From God I Ne'er Will Turn"

J. S. Bach
Organist, Jill Hunt

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 103)

Liturgist, Sibyl Gardner

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

Bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, who forgives all our iniquity,

who heals all our diseases.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, who redeems our life,

who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, who satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 317**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, and separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace. Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh. Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, and the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we now are free:
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE *2 Timothy 1:1-14, NRSV*

CHANCEL BELLS "Gather Us In" Roberts
Susan Landers, flute
Director, Patti Dolezal

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *Luke 17:5-10, NRSV*

MESSAGE "Building Bridges" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 686 "God of Our Life"

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "From God I Ne'er Will Turn" Dietrich Buxtehude

***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 (Unison)**

Most loving and gracious God, we are thankful. We are thankful for your grace to us in Jesus Christ, for your gift of the church in its global witness, for the capacity to give. May these gifts help prepare the way of peace in our community around the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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:

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS: "Gather Us In" verse 3

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.

Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;

Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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 our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the heavenly realm of justice and peace. Strengthen us with this food from your table as we seek to serve you. Lead us in lives of purpose and joy as we await the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer**"*
Following each petition which concludes, "God, in your grace..."

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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. 300**

"We Are One in the Spirit"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Toccatà in F"

Dietrich Buxtehude

**Please stand if you are able.*



*(the liturgy today is adapted from Peace and Global Witness Special: Peacemaking and Reconciliation
Written by the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiley, III Columbia Theological Seminary)*

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Announcements

Greeters this morning are Ann, Steve, & Cindy Taylor.

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

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will be on Wednesday, October 8th at 12:00 noon in the church Library. This week's topic is "Jacob & Esau" Genesis 27. 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 10 at 10:00am. The current study looks at some favorite Bible passages: Isaiah 53, Psalm 23 and Matthew 5. You are welcome to come once, or several times. You are encouraged to bring a Bible for the series.

Heritage Sunday with Kirkin O' the Tartans is next Sunday, October 12. Bring your tartan, a plaid, or any piece of checked cloth that reminds you of your personal heritage. Piper Scott Beach, the Chancel Choir, combined bell choirs, Verlène on the piano and Larry on the organ will all combine their talents to enrich this wonderful service.

The Hospitality Committee invites everyone to attend our annual **Harvest Soup Festival** after worship next **Sunday, October 12 at 11:00am**. Each PCCR family is asked to bring a crockpot of hot soup to the Fellowship Hall prior to the 10:00 worship service. Combread and dessert will be provided.

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

Monday, October 13—Church Office Closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day

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

Growing Forward...



Growing Forward as Financial Stewards

God has blessed our church family abundantly, and now we are called to be faithful stewards of these blessings. Your generous financial support enables our ministry to flourish and reach hearts both within our walls and throughout our community.

Where Your Gifts Make an Impact

- Sunday services, special celebrations, and seasonal programming
- Adult education and Vacation Bible School
- Pastoral care and spiritual counseling

Outreach

- International & Local Mission
- Community events and fellowship opportunities

Facility & Operations

- Maintaining our sacred worship space
- Provide spaces for community
- Utilities, insurance, and essential maintenance
- Technology for hybrid worship and communication

Ways to Give

Weekly—Place your gift in the offering plate or use our secure giving envelopes

Online Giving—Visit the PCCR website for convenient one-time or recurring donations

Stock & Asset Gifts—Contact our church office about planned giving opportunities

Join Us in Commitment

Stewardship Sunday: October 19. Make your pledge and celebrate our collective commitment to God's work

The Week Ahead

Monday, October 6

10:00am Christian Education
1:00pm Personnel Committee
3:00pm Membership Committee
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, October 7

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
12:00pm PEO Chapter AV
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers
6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, October 8

10:00am Mission & Outreach
12:00pm Bible Study
4:00pm Joyful Bells
5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 77845
6:30pm Estes Park Chorale rehearsal

Thursday, October 9

8:30am Estes Nonprofit Network
1:00pm Foundation
4:00pm Chancel Bells
5:00pm EVICS
6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, October 10

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

Saturday, October 11

9:00am Set up for Harvest Fest
10:00am Girl Scout Troop 70449
5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, October 12

8:30am Journeys
10:00am Worship/Kirkin O' the Tartans
11:00am Harvest Fest/Soup Luncheon
4:30pm Oratorio Society of Estes Park rehearsal

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org



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