

Heritage Sunday

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## Heritage Sunday—18 Sunday after Pentecost

*“The first thing which we ask in the Lord’s Prayer is to have grace to glorify God’s name, and the last thing we are to perform in the same prayer is to ascribe all glory to that same sacred name.”*

— Mathew Caylie (17th century Protestant Minister at the time of the Union of the Crowns)

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### TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

**PRELUDE** “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” Scottish Hymntune, *Candler*  
Organist, Larry Gillum

**WELCOME** Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 121)

Come, all who need help!

***Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.***

Come, all who desire blessing!

***Our blessing comes from God, the God of the ages.***

Come, all who long for salvation!

***Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, sent by God to save the world.***

**PROCESSION** “Highland Cathedral” Bagpiper, Scott Beach  
(If you have brought with you today a Tartan, please bring it forward to the altar at this time)

### KIRKIN’O’THE TARTANS

Leader: Eternal God, accept our thanksgiving for our goodly heritage and for those persons who serve now as a great cloud of witnesses.

**Kirk: *Gracious God, we present these tartans today before You, as symbols of our spiritual heritage, and we pray your blessings upon us and upon your servant people in every land.***

Leader: Grant that those who wear these tartans, and their families, may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.

**Kirk: *For those who have gone before us in the faith, and especially for those whose sacrifices helped make our discipleship possible, we are grateful.***

Leader: O God, who gave us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing your praise, send your Spirit among us...

Kirk: *That we may celebrate our unity with all the saints; for there is one lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who has made known his love in Jesus Christ, Chief of all chiefs, King of all kings, Lord of all lords, in whose heart we are cherished, and in whose name we pray. Amen*

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 838**

"Standing on the Promises"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Merciful God, you give us instructions for life. You teach us how to live well. You show us how to treat others with kindness. You encourage us to be part of the solution to bring harmony to the world. Yet, we often stray from you and ignore your call on our lives. Forgive us and help us live into our call as disciples of Christ, bringing hope and serving with your love.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE:** "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

*Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**JOYFUL BELLS**

"An Irish Medley"

Krug

Curtis Fox, trombone  
Director, Patti Dolezal

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE**

*Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, NRSV*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

"Jerusalem"

Charles Parry  
Director, Rich Dixon

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 17:11-19, NRSV*

**MESSAGE**

"Where is the King?"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 662**

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

Scots's Confession (1560)

*We confess and acknowledge one only God, to whom only we must cleave, whom only we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom only we must put our trust; who is eternal, infinite, unmeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible: one in substance, and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and in earth, as well visible as invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable Providence, to such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice has appointed them, to the manifestation of his own glory.*

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Sue Yowell

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

"Caledonia"

Dougie MacLean

arr. Rich Dixon

**\*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. 12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” verse 1

(Piper will play one time through, then the congregation sings the first verse)

***Amazing 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.***

**RECESSIONAL**

“Scotland the Brave”

(Congregation may follow the piper as he exits the Sanctuary and proceed to Fellowship Hall for the Harvest Soup Luncheon)

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



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## ***Announcements***

**Greeter this morning** is Evelyn Wilson.

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

The Hospitality Committee invites everyone to attend our annual **Harvest Soup Festival immediately following today's worship service**. Join us in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate the fall season with friends, soup, cornbread and a pumpkin dessert. See you there!

**CROSSROADS GROCERY CART** will be in the Narthex on Sunday, October 19. Especially needed items are toilet paper and hearty soups.

**Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine** will be on Wednesday, October 15 at 12:00 noon in the church Library. This week's topic is "Omens, Dreams and Ritual" Genesis Chapter 28. 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 17 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.

The **Presbyterian Women's Bible study** will meet next **Monday, October 20** in the church library to discuss the second lesson in the study book, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. This month we will be discussing how Mary "of a Certain Village" was a woman disciple of Jesus and can model resilience for us. We gather at 11:30am with the lesson beginning at 12 noon. The new Bible study books are still available in the church office or at our meeting. We hope you can join us.

**Welcome Discussion: Information about Membership/Participation**—Following the worship service on **Sunday, October 19th**, 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.**

**Upcoming:**

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

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

**Saturday, November 1**—Celebration of Life for Steve Fry from 1:00-3:00pm in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, November 2**—All Saints Day

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### **OUR MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **LOCAL OUTREACH**

- Crossroads
- Estes Valley Investment in Childhood Success
- Estes Park Learning Place
- Salud Foundation

#### **REGIONAL OUTREACH**

- Medical Benevolence Foundation
- Highlands Camp
- Theological Education Fund

#### **GLOBAL IMPACT**

- Clean Water Project in Malawi
- PCUSA Global Ecumenical Partners
- Marion Medical Mission

## ***The Week Ahead***

### **Monday, October 13**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

### **Tuesday, October 14**

10:00am Building & Grounds  
12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group  
3:00pm Ballet Renaissance  
3:00pm Worship & Music Committee  
4:30pm Deacons  
6:30pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers  
6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

### **Wednesday, October 15**

9:30am Finance Committee  
12:00pm Bible Study  
1:00pm The Good Grief Group  
1:30pm Personnel Committee  
4:00pm Joyful Bells  
6:00pm Luciana Ensemble  
6:30pm Estes Park Chorale rehearsal

### **Thursday, October 16**

3:00pm Columbarium Committee  
4:00pm Chancel Bells  
5:00pm EVICS  
6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group  
6:30pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, October 17**

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

### **Saturday, October 18**

5:00pm New Member Dinner  
5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

### **Sunday, October 19**

8:30am Journeys  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Membership Information  
Discussion  
4:30pm Oratorio Society of Estes Park  
rehearsal

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



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