



***Hearing the Word:  
Teaching with Authority***

August 2, 2026

## 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*"Jesus was not merely a teacher of morality. He claimed to be God. That leaves us with only a few alternatives: either He was a liar, a lunatic, or He was who He said He was."*

— C.S. Lewis, adapted from *Mere Christianity*

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### TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

#### WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

#### PRELUDE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (*Hyfrydol*)

Paul Manz

Organist, Larry Gillum

#### CHORAL INTROIT

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

God, we come in worship to praise your name.

***Every day, we thank you for the good you have done!***

Great are you God and worthy of praise.

***Every day, we praise your name for your compassion.***

All your works praise you Lord,

***They tell of the glory of the Kingdom.***

Today, we praise you Lord our Father.

***Today we honor you Jesus the Son. Today we praise you God, three in one.***

#### \*OPENING HYMN NO. 401

"Here in This Place" (Gather Us In)

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God of Grace, we come to confession today aware of all the ways that others have hurt us and alienated us, and yet we forget that we are often responsible for actions that have led to a sense of isolation for others. Forgive us and remind us that we live in community, and that we must be people who forgive, seek to help others, and reach out of our pain to help those in need.***

Silent Prayer of Confession

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE:**

# Have Mercy, God, upon My Life 421

(Psalm 51)

For - giv - en, I will praise you with

heart, soul and voice. You save the least and

seek the lost; let all the world re - joice!

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE**

*Isaiah 61:1-3, NRSV*

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 5:1-12, NRSV*

**MESSAGE** "Hearing the Word: Teaching with Authority"

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

**MEDITATION AND \*HYMN OF THE DAY No. 722** "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

OFFERTORY

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Richard Purvis

\*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

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.***

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Look Who Gather’s at Christ’s Table”

arr. John Ferguson  
Director, Rich Dixon

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 of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

**\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 610**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

“Go in Grace and Make Disciples”

Hymntune, *Wondrous Light*, p. 296

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



## ***The Week Ahead***

### **Monday, August 3**

10:00am Christian Education

11:00am Prayer Team

3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

5:30pm Estes Valley Library Writing  
Group

### **Tuesday, August 4**

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group

12:00pm Maurla White Memorial  
Luncheon

3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

### **Wednesday, August 5**

12:00pm Bible Study

2:30pm Membership Committee

### **Thursday, August 6**

6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

6:30pm Chancel Choir

### **Friday, August 7**

10:00am Adult Study Group

3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

### **Saturday, August 8**

5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

### **Sunday, August 9**

10:00am Worship

6:00pm Deacon/Session Party at  
Palmers

*See the full church calendar on*

[www.pccrusa.org](http://www.pccrusa.org)

## ***Announcements***

**Greeters this morning** are Tami & Dan Scafe.

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

**Welcome Discussion: Information about Membership/Participation** – Today following the worship service, 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.**

**Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine** will meet on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in the church library. Come join us as we continue a study series on the book of Exodus. All you need is your bible. This week's topic is "Sacred Things" Scripture: Exodus 25-28. See you there!

**Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer** — Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) will continue on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the church library.

**Prayer Team** - The Deacons are hosting a Prayer Team on Mondays at 11:00am in the church Library. A Prayer Team consists of a group of individuals called to pray for the needs of the congregation, community and the world. If you feel prayer is your spiritual gift, please consider joining this team. ALL are welcome to attend in person, or via zoom.

**Pie Social and Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing**—The Hospitality Committee will be hosting this annual event on Sunday, August 16th immediately following the worship service. Bring your favorite pie to share and your singing voice as we enjoy fellowship and fabulous sweets. Pies can be either baked or bought; there are no restrictions. See you there!

**Summer Outdoor Worship Services** – Experience a wonderful way to worship in nature, enjoying a campfire-like atmosphere at **5:00pm on Wednesday, August 26** at our Outdoor Chapel. Join Pastor Christine with Kent Meyer on guitar for an informal service in the beauty of our Meditation Trail. Invite your friends and neighbors, everyone is welcome!

## Upcoming:

**Sunday, August 2** – New Member Information Meeting following the worship service in the Lounge

**Sunday, August 9** – Deacon/Session Party from 6:00-8:00pm at the Palmers

**Sunday, August 16** – Pie Social and Hymn Sing immediately following the worship service in Fellowship Hall



**“Bake or Buy, Bring a Pie”  
Pie Social & Hymn Sing  
Sunday, August 16, 2026**

11:00am in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship

*The Hospitality Committee invites you to join in the fun, music, fellowship, and of course, enjoy the delicious pies.*

*Bake or buy a pie to share and bring it to the church kitchen before worship.*

### Church Staff

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Fred Thibodeau - Dale Bonza - Diane Palmer - Brian Rood  
Mike Warren - Clerk of Session: Barb Cole





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