



Radical Love

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

“This little word “yourself” contains within it the idea of trust community and all works of love and mercy which one person can show another person.”

— Pete Walpot, (16th century pastor)

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

PRELUDE

“Psalm”

Gordon Young
Organist, Larry Gillum

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 96)

Liturgist, Susan Landers

O sing to God a new song!

Sing to God, all of us throughout this earth.

Sing throughout our lives. In our song, bless the name of God.

Exclaim God’s salvation from morning until night.

Declare God’s glory and marvelous works.

For great is God, and with excitement, we join in praise.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 17

“Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, so often we put our church in a bubble and forget that our call as disciples of Christ demands all of ourselves. We forget that our lives grow in you and your life grows in us. When we fail to walk with you, we fail to serve others, and we sometimes make choices that are hurtful rather than helpful. Forgive us and remind us that you have bid us to follow you in word and act.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

341 O God, Show Mercy to Us

(Psalm 67)

1 O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your
grace; and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your
face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be
known, and un - to ev - ery peo - ple your sav-ing grace be
shown. Let all the peo-ples praise you; let all the na - tions
sing; in ev - ery land let prais-es and songs of glad-ness ring.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 2:1-11 NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Humility”

Heather Sorenson
Director, Rich Dixon

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46, NRSV

MESSAGE

“Radical Love”

The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY No. 336 “We Gather Together”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Renee Warren

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word” (*Liebster Jesu*)

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

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

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

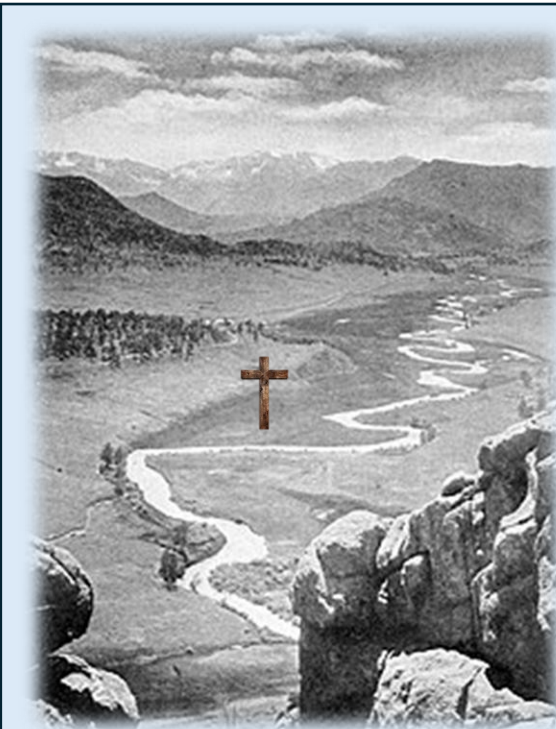
*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand"

National Hymn, pg. 331

**Please stand if you are able.*



Members & Memories

Sunday, November 1st

Recognizing long-time members, celebrating those who came before us and giving thanksgiving for our ministry in the Estes Valley.

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Debbie Christopher and Laura Brown.

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

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will meet on October 28th at 12:00 noon in the church library. This week's topic is "Ritual Holiness" Leviticus 11-15. Everyone is welcome, all you need is your Bible!

Adult Study Group with Carol Nussbaumer — Adult Study Group (a.k.a. Not Your Mother's Sunday School) will be held on Friday, October 30th at 10:00am in the church library. Back by popular demand, we will study the course titled "Listening to the Land of the Bible." Each class stands alone so if you want to come once in a while, that is fine. All are invited!

STOCK THE SHELVES of the **CROSSROADS MARKET!** PCCR's Fall Food Drive will be on **November 1st**. Take an empty bag home today and bring it back full of groceries next Sunday. Canned meats and veggies, grape jelly, pasta sauce and toilet paper are always especially needed. Your Mission and Outreach Committee appreciates and thanks you for your Faith in Action.

Spread the word – This year's Crossroads Thanksgiving food box distribution will be on November 19, 2026, at Shepard of the Mountains Church located at 2000 Ptarmigan Trail in Estes Park. Crossroads clients have until November 10 to sign up and must be there in person at the church on November 19th to receive their dinner!

On Sunday, November 1st we will celebrate **All Saints Day** and "**Members & Memories**". Join us as we celebrate all our church members, with special recognition to those who have been with us for 20 years or more. We will also remember our members who we have lost this past year.

Upcoming:

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day and "Members & Memories"

Wednesday, November 11 – Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 21 – Estes Park Chorale Concert at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary

Thursday, November 26 – Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The Week Ahead

Monday, October 26

- 9:30am Hospitality Committee
- 10:00am Christian Education Committee
- 11:00am Prayer Team
- 3:00pm Ballet Renaissance

Tuesday, October 27

- 12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 12:00pm Quota Club of Estes Park
- 3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
- 6:00pm Estes Valley Chamber Singers
- 6:45pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, October 28

- 12:00pm Bible Study
- 4:00pm Joyful Bells
- 6:30pm Estes Park Chorale rehearsal

Thursday, October 29

- 1:30pm Nada Quartet Rehearsal
- 4:00pm Chancel Bells
- 6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, October 30

- 10:00am Adult Study Group
- 3:00pm Ballet Renaissance
- 6:30pm Mixed Nuts Al-Anon Group

Saturday, October 31

- 10:30am EVICS Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

Sunday, November 1

- 8:30am Journeys
- 10:00am Worship
- 4:30pm Oratorio Society Rehearsal

See the full church calendar on

www.pccrusa.org

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Kathy Sherrod

Elders

Terry Brigham - Dennis Jacobs - Kent Meyer
Mimi Hardendorf - Jennifer Workman - Bruce Ellingwood
Fred Thibodeau - Dale Bonza - Diane Palmer - Brian Rood
Mike Warren - Clerk of Session: Barb Cole

***Interested in leading an
Advent study?***

This season the study will be based on the book entitled "On the Way to Bethlehem: An Advent Study" by Rob Fuquay. Scriptures are included to go along with each lesson.

Contact Pastor Christine at pastor@pccrusa.org for more details

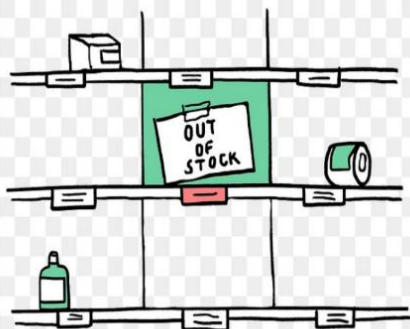


FALL BACK

Daylight Savings Time Ends



Don't forget to set your
clocks back next Sunday
morning, November 1st



Crossroads Market

Food is flying off the shelves at Crossroads faster than it is coming in. You can help by filling a bag with needed items such as canned meats, hearty soups, canned fruits and veggies, peanut butter, cereal, rice & toilet paper.

We'll collect the bags on November 1st and due to your generosity, our grocery cart will be overflowing.

When everyone gives a little it adds up to a lot!!



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