

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude and Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Visitors, we are glad you are worshiping with us today and appreciate your filling out the visitor's card found in the pew rack. Please place it in the offering plate. Prayer request cards are in the pew racks if you wish to use them and bring them to the Communion Table during the Passing the Peace.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us worship God, the Fountain of all life, whose grace sustains our lives.

People: Let us follow Jesus Christ, whose word conveys God's truth and whose life reveals God's love.

Leader: Let us learn from the Holy Spirit who opens our eyes to perceive a new way.

People: Let us celebrate God's presence in the church as we serve our fellow human beings.

Leader: Let us walk beside our friends and neighbors who bless us with their unique gifts.

People: As we worship God, let us share the gift of new life.

***Opening Hymn #467** How Great Thou Art

***Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Loving Lord, whose grace is sufficient for us, because we often want to hide our imperfections and draw attention to our abilities, we frequently ignore how Your power is made perfect, not in our strength, but in weakness. Have mercy upon us for those occasions when we have used our power selfishly or aggressively. Redeem us from the tendency of becoming too self-absorbed, inflexible, and unfaithful. Forgive us when we have turned away from Your teaching and relied on our own strength to do things our way rather than Yours.

Fill us with Your grace, so that in our weakness we may experience Your strength, in our emptiness we may share Your generosity, and in our difficulties we may discover Your truth that sets us free, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent)

***Assurance of Forgiveness** (adapted from Psalm 103:11-12)

Leader: As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who honor God.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Gloria Patri #579**

***Passing of the Peace**

Hearing the Word

Prayer of Illumination Hymn #322 Spirit of the Living God

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

One: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

(Children, please remain upstairs as there will be no Junior Church this morning.)

Anthem

Robin McClanahan

Sermon

Thorns in a Garden of Grace

Rev. Tom Ulrich

Responding to the Word

***Hymn #280** Amazing Grace

***Affirmation of Faith** (the Apostles' Creed - top of page 14 in hymnal)

Offering

Invitation to Give

Offertory

*Doxology (#592)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

...And join their unending hymn:
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

...We proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Distribution of the Elements
Prayer after the Meal (Unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

Being Sent by the Word

*Closing Hymn #554 Let All Things Now Living

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response Go, My Children, with My Blessing (verse 1)

Text: Jaroslave J. Vajda Tune: Welsh melody (All Through the Night)

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

Postlude

*Those who are able please stand

PASTOR: Rev. Bill Davis

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Becky Carlisle

GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Tom Ulrich

LAY READER: Mary McCarron



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6th Sunday after Pentecost

2CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING on June 7 was \$65.00. The total amount collected for the first 6 months of 2015 was \$665.00. As you know, one-half of this goes to our food bank and one-half goes to the national Presbyterian Hunger Program.

GARAGE SALE: Thanks to the ARMY of volunteers involved, we had another successful garage/bake/ BBQ sale June 5-6. Yes, we were rained out right in the middle of a busy Friday morning, but we managed to bring everything back inside, then out again for a sunny Saturday. Until the rains came AGAIN when we were trying to bag and box up the "leftovers" to go on the Salvation Army truck. So a HUGE thanks to everybody involved. We made \$4,247 from the Garage sale and food sales, plus \$425 from the bake sale, for a total of \$4,672.

--Marsha Morton, Congregational Life Elder

YARD SALE EVENT PHOTOS: If you happened to take any pictures during our yard sale a few weeks ago, please contact Sara Tyburczy. She'd love to have a few.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF GSPC THROUGH THE GROCERY CARD REWARD PROGRAMS! So far this year Good Shepherd has earned a total of \$696.19 through these programs - \$680.87 from King Soopers and \$15.32 from Albertsons. We need \$2,149.80 more in reloads to get a Safeway reward. Keep up the good work in your support. Good Shepherd thanks you! If you need a card or have any questions about the program, please contact Mary Archuleta. Safeway Community Giving cards are \$10 per card; King Soopers Neighbor Reward Program cards are \$25.00 each. Reload cards at the grocery store with additional amounts. The original purchase price is already loaded on the cards. Albertson's Community Partner cards are free. Continue supporting Good Shepherd when you buy groceries. Thank you!

FROM DENVER PRESBYTERY The Presbytery of Denver's three new worshipping communities reach out to our abundantly diverse communities. Each is unique in its style as each invites people to explore faith, worship and serve in new, creative and, sometimes, unexpected ways. Pree 'n Pree, served by Zach Hancock, meets on Sunday evenings at Central Church and offers opportunities for people to use their personal gifts deeply and freely. Email Zach (zhancock@gmail.com) for exact worship times and dates. Meeting in the Loft of First Avenue Church on Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Community of One's meditative and interactive worship is led by Tim Mooney. For more information check the website, communityofone.net. The North West Denver Missional Community is gathered together by Joel Adams, often meeting in the Adams' home where they experience the hospitality of true Christian community. You can contact Joel at adamsjj@hotmail.com. Pray for all three evangelists of the Presbytery of Denver as they engage in innovative ministries and reach new people with the message of the gospel of Christ.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BANK FOR JULY: Peanut butter, canned tuna, mac & cheese and bar soap. Please place items in the bench in the Narthex or bring to the Food Bank.

Thank you! During May the Food Bank gave out 136 orders to 112 households serving 366 people. Thank you for your continued support for this important mission.

THE WESTERN NATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING event that the Synod of the Rocky Mountains hosts every year will be held September 30 – October 3. This year the location has changed and will be held at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado - our own backyard! Go to the Synod's website at www.synodrm.org where you can find the brochure and register online!

Flock Notes

Birthdays July 7 to July 22

July 7	Steve Hammack	July 15	Barb Mitchell
July 12	Kyle Feusner	July 17	Kirstyn Rouse
July 14	Betty Feusner	July 22	Gayle Hoffman

Here's What's Happening----Please keep in your thoughts and prayers---**John Boardman**, Barbara Swanson's father, now in hospice care in Iowa---**Barb Haring**, recovering from emergency surgery---**Jerry & Jacque Noland**, as Jerry continues his struggle with health issues---**All those fighting cancer: Arden Cronn, Carrie Boardman, Daniel Leieritz, Lori Boesl, Sue Coleman, Tom McConnell, Betty Casady, Donna Cadwallader**----Each week we include a request for prayers for one of our church's mission projects: This week pray for clients & volunteers of **Growing Home**---As a member of Denver Presbytery, let us be in prayer this week for: **Columbine United Church, Njube Presbyterian Church in Zimbabwe, and the Malawi Mission Partnership**----Let us know what's happening....drop off your news in the Church Office or call/e-mail it to us.

GINGERSNAP Would you want yourself as a neighbor?