



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SANCTUARY

TODAY'S SERMON

UNITY'S WITNESS

Life Together

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

▪ ROMANS 15:1-7

▪ LIGHT + LIFE *for* THE CITY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

My Jesus I Love Thee

Arranger: J. Wyrick

First Pres Brass Ensemble

Stephen Hock, director

INTROIT

Thou, O Jehovah, Abideth Forever

Composer: Aaron Copland

Chris Owenby, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass (8:30)

Rev. Ellen Dawson (10:15)

HYMN OF PRAISE

For the Beauty of the Earth • No. 40

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell (8:30)

FELLOWS INTRODUCTION

SONG OF ADORATION

Be Magnified

Jason Crowe, bass; Scott Barbier, percussion;

Rick Baisden, guitar; Rachel West, vocalist;

Elisa Wicks, violin; Jaron Klessen, piano

CALL TO CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that too often we look first to our own interests rather than the interests of others. We seek our own recognition, our own comfort, and our own way. We allow differences to divide us and forget that we are one body in Christ. Forgive our pride, impatience, and unwillingness to listen. Forgive us when we value being right more than being loving, and when our desires become more important to us than the good of our brothers and sisters. Teach us to have the mind of Christ: to lay aside selfish ambition, and to pursue the unity of Your Spirit in the bond of peace. Make us more

humble, generous, and patient with others. Make us one in the love of Christ, that the unity of Your people might bring glory to Your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RESPONSE

Amazing Love

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Dr. Pat Hartsock (8:30)

Chaplain Linda Boyles (10:15)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Easter Song / There Is a Redeemer

Arranger: Chris Owenby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

SCRIPTURE READING

Mary Frieg, Elder

SERMON

UNITY'S WITNESS

Romans 15:1-7 (pg. 1727)

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

O Lord Most Holy

Composer: César Franck

Judith Meyer, soloist

CLOSING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

No. 136

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rejoice the Lord Is King

Arranger: Darwall/Lorge

Belong
AT FIRST PRES

We would love to meet you. Whether you are looking for community, a place to serve, or answers to questions about faith, someone is waiting to walk with you. Stop by the BELONG HUB in the Plaza after the service.

THE WORD FOR TODAY

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”

ROMANS 15:7

TODAY: GET SET FOOD DRIVE

Forgot to bring your donation? No sweat! Donations can be dropped off anytime throughout the school year. Every donation helps provide meals for our preschool families!

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell preaches *Overflowing Gospel*, from Romans 15:8-13. Read it ahead of Sunday and come ready!

CARE

NO ONE HURTS ALONE

FLOWER FUND, IN MEMORY OF

Bruce Reeder

By his family

Flowers by He Loves Me Flowers

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Dan Starch

Monday, September 28 at 1 p.m.

Upcoming services are listed at firstprescos.org/memorialservices

COUNSELING COALITION

If you're experiencing a challenging season of life and would like someone to talk to, our Stephen Ministers are here for you. Contact the Caring Ministry office at 884-8145.

HOME COMMUNION

Would you like communion to be brought to you? Home communion visits from our deacons allow those isolated from congregational worship to be connected in a meaningful way. Our next home communion date is scheduled for October 4. If you or someone you know would be blessed by this experience, reach out to your deacon or contact Caring Ministries at (719) 884-6145 or email deaconoffice@firstprescos.org.

NEED PRAYER?

Find a Prayer Team member wearing a red lanyard,
Or email your request to prayer@firstprescos.org

STAY IN THE LOOP

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GIVE

Text "Give" to 719-297-2232
and follow the link,
Or give online at firstprescos.org/give

COMING UP AT FIRST PRES

FIND EVERY EVENT ONLINE
[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://firstprescos.org/calendar)



OCT 3 | 9 AM

Fall CityServe

First Pres, it's time to show up for our city. Join us for Fall CityServe as we come together as a church family to serve our neighbors, support local organizations, and meet real needs across Colorado Springs. Let's roll up our sleeves, get out into our community, and love our city together. Find your project by following the link below!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CITYSERVE](https://firstprescos.org/cityserve)



ONGOING

Trunk or Treat: Candy Needed!

Help us fill trunks! Donate candy online or drop off bags at the Welcome Center. Host a trunk and help make Trunk or Treat a fun night for our community. Find details about donating, hosting a trunk, and the event at the link below.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/TRUNKORTREAT](https://firstprescos.org/trunkortreat)



OCT 17 | 9-11:30 AM

Stepping Forward: New Hope for Widows

Women who have lost a spouse are invited to gather with others who understand the journey of loss and explore what it means to take the next step forward.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/HOPE](https://firstprescos.org/hope)



OCT 17 | 9 AM

Men's Breakfast

Join us for good food, genuine fellowship, encouragement, and faith-filled conversation. Connect with other men and start your day with purpose. All men are welcome!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/MEN](https://firstprescos.org/men)

What's Your Next Step?

Wherever you are in your faith journey, there's a next step. Find yours today at First Pres.

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/NEXT](https://firstprescos.org/next)

Growing Together Wednesdays

No matter where you are on your faith journey, there's something for you on Wednesday evenings at First Pres!

[FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GTW](https://firstprescos.org/gtw)