



FIRST PRES
COLORADO SPRINGS

SANCTUARY

TODAY'S SERMON

KEEPING THE PEACE

Life Together

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

▪ ROMANS 14:19-23

▪ LIGHT + LIFE *for* THE CITY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Arranger: Mary McDonald

Rachel West, piano; Dr. Adam Haas, organ

INTROIT

Thou, O Jehovah, Abideth Forever

Composer: Aaron Copland

Chris Owenby, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Greg Hartnett

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is My Father's World • No. 21

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS + PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell (8:30)

FELLOWS INTRODUCTION

SONG OF ADORATION

The Heart of Worship

Rachel West, vocalist; Jason Crowe, bass;

Scott Barbier, percussion;

Rick Baisden, guitar; Monica Ding, oboe

CALL TO CONFESSION

Gracious God of peace, in Your Son Jesus

You have made peace with us. Yet we

confess that we do not always live as

people of peace. We allow fear to rule our

hearts. We try to control what belongs in

Your hands rather than resting in Your

faithfulness. We confess the conflicts we

have created, the harsh words we have

spoken, and the resentments we have

allowed to own us. Forgive us for seeking

to be right when we should have sought

reconciliation. Patient Master, teach us to

receive the peace You offer and to live in

that peace every day. Quiet our anxious

hearts. Strengthen our trust.

Make us slow to anger, ready to reconcile,
quick to forgive, and eager to pursue peace.
All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace. Amen.

RESPONSE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

No. 419

APOSTLES' CREED

Rev. Matt Holtzman (8:30)

Rev. Dr. Pat Hartsock (10:15)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Ascribe to the Lord

Composer: Rosephanye Powell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

The Gift of Love • No. 397

SCRIPTURE READING

Marguerite Hermanson, Elder

SERMON

KEEPING THE PEACE

Romans 14:19-23 (pg. 1727)

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Prayer of St. Francis

Composer: Allen Pote

Vera Skar, soloist

CLOSING HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians • No. 595

CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Adoramus te, Christe

Composer: Gordon Young

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

“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.”

ROMANS 14:19

TODAY: MEET THE FELLOWS!

Our Fellows class has arrived! Pick up a booklet from an Usher or the Welcome Desk to learn more about the ways they're growing, serving, and blessing our community.

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell preaches *Unity's Witness*, from Romans 15:1-7. Read it ahead of Sunday and come ready!

CARE

NO ONE HURTS ALONE

FLOWER FUND, IN MEMORY OF

Harold S. Teats

By Gary & Vickie Sherwood,
Merah, Erin & families

Lois Deyo

By Art Deyo

Dr. Arnold & Nancy Combs & Jim Combs

By Nancy Maffett, Susan Stevens, &
Stephen Maffett & families

Flowers by He Loves Me Flowers

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Scott Blackmun

Memorial Central

MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

Shirlee Doughty

Tuesday, September 22 at 1 p.m.

Claudia Mitchell

Wednesday, Sept 23 at 10:30 a.m.

IN MEMORIAM

Sonya Blinkinsop

September 10, 2026

Upcoming services are listed at
firstprescos.org/memorialservices

MILITARY MUSTER

Our next Muster is Thursday, September 24 at 10 a.m. All active duty military, veterans, spouses and family members are welcome! Join us for fellowship and growing in faith. Learn more at firstprescos.org/Military.

NEED PRAYER?

Find a Prayer Team member wearing a red lanyard,
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and follow the link,
Or give online at
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COMING UP AT FIRST PRES

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ONGOING

Trunk or Treat: Candy Needed!

Help us fill trunks! Donate candy online or drop off bags at the Welcome Center. Want to get more involved? 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



OCT 3 | 9 AM

Fall CityServe

Join First Pres as we roll up our sleeves and love our city through CityServe! Serve alongside neighbors across Colorado Springs, support local organizations, meet real needs, and make a tangible difference. Let's show up for our city!

FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/CITYSERVE



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. Enjoy worship, encouraging speakers, and meaningful fellowship as we launch this new ministry.

FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/HOPE



THROUGH SEPT 27

Get Set Food Drive

Help provide hot lunches for our preschool families by donating needed food items throughout the school year. Canned fruit and vegetables, chips and crackers, dry pasta, apple sauce, raisins, and Cheerios are all welcome!

FIRSTPRESCOS.ORG/GETSET

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 2026

Budgeted Contribution Income through August | **\$5,206,000**

Actual Contribution Income through August | **\$5,024,233**

Below Budget through August | **-\$181,767**