

# Traditional Worship



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A member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

September 14, 2025  
8:45 am



Pentecost

### Worship Notes

*...making our worship more  
meaningful & understandable*

If you are tuning in to Cherry Creek, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us on this Sunday morning.

**Our Mission Spotlight** today reminds us that mission isn't only about spreading the gospel abroad in places like Africa. We are called to be missionaries, right here! The time has come when the American church can no longer merely *send* missionaries. We must *be* missionaries. Today's mission spotlight, furthermore, reminds us that, though the center of God's mission is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, the implications of that gospel affect the whole created order. This means that when the church is being missional, it is seeking the type of restoration to the world that the gospel creates and instigates. Loving others in our neighborhood, giving to the poor, coming alongside hurting people...these are all part of the mission of God.

**How Prayers of Intercession teach us to hope.** In a discussion about how worship shapes us and strengthens our faith, Swiss theologian Jean-Jacques von Allmen made this observation: "Intercession prevents us from despairing of the world and of men, and teaches us to meet them with Christian freedom and boldness." In other words, when we are trained to be intercessors (people who pray to God on behalf of others),

### God Gathers Us

#### Prelude

America the Beautiful - arr. Linda Hartman

**Welcome & Call to Worship** - from Psalm 62:5-8

#### Invocation

#### Introit

#546 Built on the Rock

#### Gathering Hymns

#411 How Firm a Foundation

**Gloria Patri no. 733**

### We Respond to God's Presence

#### Anthem

How Great Thou Art - Hine

#### Worship Through Giving

#### Prayer of Intercession

**Doxology no. 34** - OLD 100TH

### We Rejoice in God's Work

**Mission Spotlight** - Tom Leavitt, Denver Rescue Mission

#### Greeting

## God Reveals His Word to Us

### Song of Illumination

Be Thou My Vision

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-29 (page 966 in pew Bible)

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All:** Thanks Be to God!

Series: Windows Into Reality

Message: The Parable of the Builder

## We Go Forth in Joy

### Hymn of Response

#405 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

### Benediction

*As you are able, we invite you to extend your hands out, palms up, in a posture of receiving God's blessing during the benediction.*

### Postlude

The Lily Of The Valley - arr. Dino Kartsonakis

### Prayer for the Week

Loving God, your goodness is all around us.  
But sometimes it seems overshadowed by pain, death, and suffering.  
Assure us in times of doubt that you are the God of resurrection.  
May our lips sing your praise, and may our lives be a living sacrifice to you. Amen.  
(Common Prayer)

we are naturally built up in hope because we're able to lift our eyes and see that God actually has both the knowledge and the power to accomplish good in this world. The overwhelmingly bad news we ingest day in and day out can shape us into a people of despair and apathy. Intercession undoes that shaping and re-forms us into hopeful, active servants of God and the world. The more we intercede in prayer, the more God builds up our trust that He indeed hears and answers.

**May We Pray With You?** If you would like, please come forward after the service to find a pastor or elder. We'd love to pray for you and/or anoint you with oil (per James 5).

**Prayer chain** If you would like to be kept up-to-date on prayer needs in our church body, please sign up for the CCPC Prayer chain at [cpcprays@cherrycreekpres.org](mailto:cpcprays@cherrycreekpres.org)

**Assisting in Worship** Sanctuary Choir; David Knopp & Tech Team; Usher Team

**Giving** In response to God's goodness, we are called to offer our whole selves—heart and mind, soul, and strength—in joyful adoration in our daily lives. One way we do that is through giving financially, which you can do in person after the service, by mail or here: <https://cherrycreekpres.org/give>



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# Convergent Worship



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Welcome

Call to Worship - from Psalm 62:5-8

Invocation

### Gathering Songs

My Lighthouse - Rend Collective

Oceans (Where Feet May Fall) - Hillsong

Take My Life - Tomlin

Revelation Song - Riddle

Gloria Patri - Hicks

### We Respond to God's Presence

Worship Through Giving

Prayer of Intercession

Doxology

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### Hymn of Response

The Blessing - Elevation Worship

### Benediction

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### Postlude

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