

Traditional Worship

September 6, 2026
8:45 am



cherry creek pres

A member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Ordinary Time



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.

What it means to gather for worship.

When we come together, there are
two kinds of "gathering" that we en-
gage in. First (and most obvious), we
gather with other followers of Jesus
to worship Him. Second, we gather
our selves. As individuals, we can
collect our thoughts and affections
which have been pulled to and fro
throughout the week, centering our
hearts upon God and His great
work for us in Christ. As we gather
today, pray that God might gather
the four corners of your heart just
as we have gathered from the four
corners of the city!

Communion is just as much about
the resurrection as it is about the
cross. "It should be abundantly
clear, then, that the church was
never meant to merely "remember"
a dead Jesus at the Communion
table. Believers indeed remember
with profound reverence and grati-
tude the atoning death of Christ, as
a core conviction of the faith, but in
the New Testament, the death of
Christ is integrally tied to the resur-
rection, apart from which it would
not have spiritual power and mean-
ing. 'He delivered over to death for
our sins and was raised to life for our
justification' (Rom 4:25).

Cross and resurrection are distinguished
but should never be separated in the
faith and life of the church.

God Gathers Us

Prelude

Canon in D - Johann Pachelbel

Welcome

Call to Worship - from Psalm 75

Invocation

Introit

#492 Spirit of the Living God

Gathering Hymn

#82 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Gloria Patri no. 733

We Respond to God's Presence

Worship Through Giving

Anthem

He is King of Kings - African-American Spiritual

Announcements

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology no. 34

Greeting

God Reveals His Word to Us

Song of Illumination

Be Thou My Vision - SLANE

Sermon - Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: Revelation 17:1-6 (page 1229 in pew Bible)

Series: A Christian Guide to Eternity

Message: Beauty and the Beast

We Feast at God's Table

Holy Communion

We Go Forth in Joy

Hymn of Response

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on Ellacombe - arr. Mark Thallander & Bruce Wilkin

Prayer for the Week

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit, strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(from a Lutheran liturgy)

Unfortunately, in the history of the Western church, and typically in modern evangelical churches, at the table the death of Christ is remembered, but with only a muted recollection of Christ's victory over death, and a largely absent sense of his actual, continuing spiritual presence with the church." (John Jefferson Davis, *Worship and the Reality of God*, 146-147)

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 ccpcprays@ccpc.life.

May We Pray With You? When we join together in prayer, there is a particular power available from God. If you would like prayer and/or prayer for healing, please come forward after the service to find a pastor or elder and we'd love to pray for you and/or anoint you with oil (per James 5).

Assisting in Worship Sanctuary Choir, Gene Winters, soloist; Calvin Schwaiger, reader; Robin Myers, reader; 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>



Rev. Dr. Brad Strait, Senior Pastor
Rev. Gary Hein, Executive Pastor
Rev. Chris Piehl, Associate Pastor
Rev. Phil Bremerman, Associate Pastor
Rev. Jeanne Gaessler, Assistant Pastor
Rev. Josh Peck, Assistant Pastor
Evan Mazunik, Dir. of Worship & Liturgy
Bohee Paek, Organist
Rebecca Sarian, Contemporary Worship Leader

Convergent Worship

September 6, 2026
10:30 am



cherry creek pres

A member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Ordinary Time



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.

What it means to gather for worship.

When we come together, there are
two kinds of “gathering” that we en-
gage in. First (and most obvious), we
gather with other followers of Jesus
to worship Him. Second, we gather
our selves. As individuals, we can
collect our thoughts and affections
which have been pulled to and fro
throughout the week, centering our
hearts upon God and His great
work for us in Christ. As we gather
today, pray that God might gather
the four corners of your heart just
as we have gathered from the four
corners of the city!

Communion is just as much about
the resurrection as it is about the
cross. “It should be abundantly
clear, then, that the church was
never meant to merely “remember”
a dead Jesus at the Communion
table. Believers indeed remember
with profound reverence and grati-
tude the atoning death of Christ, as
a core conviction of the faith, but in
the New Testament, the death of
Christ is integrally tied to the resur-
rection, apart from which it would
not have spiritual power and mean-
ing. ‘He delivered over to death for
our sins and was raised to life for our
justification’ (Rom 4:25).

Cross and resurrection are distinguished
but should never be separated in the
faith and life of the church.

God Gathers Us

Welcome

Call to Worship - from Psalm 75

Invocation

Gathering Songs

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus - Sovereign Grace

Goodness of God - Bethel

House of the Lord - Wickham

Gloria Patri

We Respond to God's Presence

Worship Through Giving

Announcements

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Greeting

God Reveals His Word to Us

Song of Illumination

Speak, O Lord - Getty

Sermon - Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: Revelation 17:1-6 (page 1229 in pew Bible)

Series: A Christian Guide to Eternity

Message: Beauty and the Beast

We Feast at God's Table

Holy Communion

Communion Song

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) - Hillsong

We Go Forth in Joy

Song of Response

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) - Tomlin

Benediction

Postlude

Prayer for the Week

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit, strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(from a Lutheran liturgy)

Unfortunately, in the history of the Western church, and typically in modern evangelical churches, at the table the death of Christ is remembered, but with only a muted recollection of Christ's victory over death, and a largely absent sense of his actual, continuing spiritual presence with the church." (John Jefferson Davis, *Worship and the Reality of God*, 146-147)

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 ccpcprays@ccpc.life

May We Pray With You? When we join together in prayer, there is a particular power available from God. If you would like prayer and/or prayer for healing, please come forward after the service to find a pastor or elder and we'd love to pray for you and/or anoint you with oil (per James 5).

Assisting in Worship Worship Band; Holly Schwaiger, reader; Robin Myers, reader; 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/>



Rev. Dr. Brad Strait, Senior Pastor
Rev. Gary Hein, Executive Pastor
Rev. Chris Piehl, Associate Pastor
Rev. Phil Bremerman, Associate Pastor
Rev. Jeanne Gaessler, Assistant Pastor
Rev. Josh Peck, Assistant Pastor
Evan Mazunik, Dir. of Worship & Liturgy
Bohee Paek, Organist
Rebecca Sarian, Contemporary Worship Leader