



Beloved,

Stories are the heartbeat of our faith.

The sacred stories of scripture expand our understanding of who God is and how God shows up in the world. The stories of our own lives are powerful reminders of how we have been shaped by the God of all creation and Christ's church. The stories we hear in worship celebrate that when we align ourselves and our gifts with God's heart, There Our Hearts Will Be, too, for the future of ministry in and through our church.

My gift to our congregation is an expression of my gratitude for all the ways God fills our hearts and nurtures our desires to do good in our church, our community, and our world. I'm so grateful to see our Community God-sized dream taking shape through the burgeoning Faith and Friendship groups. I'm also appreciative beyond words to work alongside you and pursue our Social Justice God-sized dream; we are fighting for trans and immigrant rights with the opportunities our team creates every week. I adore the transcendent love, so palpable when we walk through the door, that is only possible because your spirit joins us here.

Thank you for all the ways you give...of your time, your talents, and of your financial resources. We couldn't share in all God has for us without you! Over the next couple of weeks, we will ask everyone in our congregation to prayerfully and carefully discern their passions and priorities and decide how to align their money with those. For people of faith, what we give to God through the church is a reflection of our values. Likewise, how our church stewards its money is a reflection of who we believe God is calling us to be.

I hope you will join me in making a commitment to give this coming year. These commitments represent an estimate of what we intend to give out of gratitude for all God does to nurture, transform, and heal our hearts.

We will receive and celebrate the intentions we set for the year ahead on Stewardship Sunday as part of worship on October 25th. As part of our celebration, I hope you will bring your pledge card and join us for a rousing Halloween Party with all the delights, quirks, and joy that make us beloved community. If you are unable to bring your card to the church, please mail it to 2600 Leyden St., Denver, CO, 80207 or fill out the online pledge card at tinyurl.com/ParkHill2026.

Thank you for walking alongside me as a part of Park Hill Congregational, UCC.

Blessings,
Rev. Larissa Romero

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also..."
- Matthew 6:21