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10:00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Church Sonata No. 1 in E flat major, KV 67"

W.A. Mozart

*As we joyfully greet each other today, sharing the gifts of friendship and love,
as the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.*

SILENT MEDITATION

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world, yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now." Teresa of Avila

"We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it." Madeleine L'Engle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open our minds, O Lord, and reprioritize our thoughts, so that Christ is the center of our choices and inclinations.

Open our hearts, O Lord, and realign our emotions, so that our love for Christ reigns over all other feelings.

Open our ears, O Lord, and reestablish our connection to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us worship God together!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE 461

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

"God Is Here!"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous and loving God, we confess to you that we have not followed your example. We have been less than generous with those near to us. We have been less than loving with those who need our compassion and care. We hold on to grudges and allow walls of resentment to stand firm. Forgive us, O God, and help us to forgive those whom we need to forgive. Grant us your mercy. Grant us your grace. And hear us, O Lord, as we confess to you in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON



Musical score for Kyrie Eleison, featuring three staves of music in G major. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. have mer - cy. mer - cy have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Laudate Dominum" from *Solemn Vespers*

W.A. Mozart

Praise the Lord all nations, praise Him all ye people, for his merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 45: 1-15

page 42 of the Old Testament

Pastor:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Blood Is Thicker Than Betrayal"

Dr. Zieman

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Exsultate, jubilate"

W.A. Mozart

Exult, rejoice, O happy souls. And with sweet music Let the heavens resound, making answer, with me, to your song.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow'r and might. —

9
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow'r and might. —

17
Hea - ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry. Ho -

25
sa - na in the high - est, ho - sa - na in the high - est.

SERVING OF THE BREAD

ANTHEM

"Tu virginum corona"

W.A. Mozart

And now, grant us peace, and assuage the passions that touch our hearts.

CUP OF THE NEW COVENANT

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Alleluia"

W.A. Mozart

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Church Sonata No. 2 in B flat major, KV 68"

W.A. Mozart

Welcome! We are pleased that you have chosen to worship at Church of the Cross today. Please complete the Ritual of Friendship form found in your pew near the center aisle. If you would like more information about the life and ministries of Church of the Cross, or are interested in becoming a member, call 402-333-7466 or visit churchofthecrossomaha.org.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Don Reed in memory of his wife Carmen.

BULLETINS FOR CHILDREN are found in the **WORSHIP KITS** located in the Narthex. Each kit has materials to enhance your child's worship experience. Please return your kit to the Narthex after the service.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

All are invited to enjoy a few minutes together in Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

CHILD CARE

Child Care is always offered on Sunday mornings. Located near the sanctuary, our licensed and trained staff is ready to care for our youngest Presbyterians. While all children are welcomed and encouraged to be taught to worship alongside their families in the sanctuary, sometimes the nursery provides a more inviting space for toddlers to learn about God while being able to play, move around, and be the wonderful toddlers God has created them to be. A snack is provided, and pagers are offered to the parents as an easy way to be notified, if necessary. If you are bringing your infant to Child Care, please make sure diaper bags are labeled with your child's name.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Hearing assistance devices are available during the worship services for extra amplification of the sound in the Sanctuary. Please ask one of the ushers if you would like to use one.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE. If you would like one, please ask an usher. Please return your large print hymnal to an usher for the next service.

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

USHERS Larry Rock, Captain; Cindy Garner, Gary Lippstreu, Tim Graumann, John Morey
GREETERS North Door: Marie Anders; South Door: Irene Astleford

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION

Ben Miller, Paula Allen, Gary Lippstreu, Amy Boesen, Stephanie Voss,
John Behrens, Anne Wattles, Tim Graumann, Sandi Stuckey, Dennis Boesen

OUR MUSIC TODAY is given to the glory of God and in memory of two faithful musicians who are now singing with the angels, MiMi Tanner and Ron Haddock.

MUSICIANS

Kristi Treu, soprano; Dana Sloan, organ

ORCHESTRA

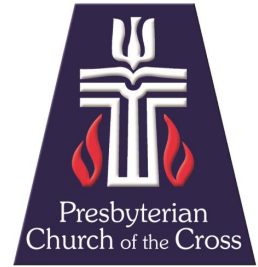
Violin I: Anne Nagosky, Elizabeth Furuta, Juliet Yoshida
Violin II: Keith Plenert, Kevin Tompkins, Melissa Pruss
Viola: Brian Sherwood, Margo Romig-Motycka, Jesse Griggs
Cello: Patty Ritchie, Drew Ritchie
Double Bass: Bill Ritchie

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CHURCH OF THE CROSS NEWS

for the week of August 20, 2017



SUMMER USHERS

Thanks for everyone who has served the past few months as a summer usher! The remaining Sundays in August are covered, but we still need ushers for Labor Day Sunday, September 3rd. Please sign up at the Information Center.



FINAL BROADCAST OF VESPER CONCERTS IS TODAY

Tune into KVNO 90.7 FM this afternoon at 1:00 to hear a broadcast of the April 2, 2017 Vesper Concert. The program features Omaha musicians Brian Sherwood, viola; Maria Harding, flute; and Kathleen Wychulis, harp; presenting works by Claude Debussy and Benjamin Britten. Don't miss it!

WATCH FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR 2017-2018 SEASON!

OUR STRATEGIC SUMMER CONTINUES SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH

We continue to seek God's will as we consider what plans God might have for us over the course of the next five years. Four Saturday mornings have been set aside this summer; our remaining session is set for August 26th. The time is from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please sign up at the Information Center so that we may know how many to plan for, and especially if you desire Child Care.

HANDBELL WORKSHOP SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH



Whether you are an experienced ringer or have never picked up a bell, this day is for you! Adults will work with our guest clinician, Jason Horner, from 10:00 a.m. – Noon, lunch will be served from 12 – 12:30 p.m., and youth (grades 5-12) will work from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. The youth will have the opportunity to play in the August 27th worship service. The workshop is free! Contact Kristi Treu at 402-333-7466 or kristi@pcoc.us to reserve your spot. **Deadline to sign up is August 23rd.**

FELLOWSHIP FAIR IS AUGUST 27TH

Come for the clowns and root beer floats, stay to learn all about PCOC's fellowship groups and committees. The annual Fellowship Fair is held August 27th in Fellowship Hall following worship. The christian clowns, Giggles and Lollipop, will be painting faces, making balloon creations, and entertaining kids while adults visit and check out possibilities to get involved in our church life. Yes, it's true – root beer and ice cream for all!

49ERS – TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH

Please join us for our Tuesday, September 5th, 49er meeting at Gorat's, 4917 Center Street. **OUR PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED SPEAKER FROM THE ZOO, DR. PLOOG, WILL BE OUT OF TOWN AT A BUSINESS SEMINAR.**

Dr. Dan Holtz, retired Professor of English, Arts and Science, Peru State College, (1987 to 2016) will be presenting a musical, historical, story-telling program regarding Nebraska's 150th birthday and Nebraska's Sesquicentennial celebration/commemoration for 2017. He is the past president of the Nebraska State Historical Society Board of Trustees and a member of the Nebraska 150 Foundation. Dr. Holtz has received the Nebraska State College System Teaching Excellence Award and Addison E. Sheldon Memorial Award for the preservation and interpretation of Nebraska history. He has performed across the State of Nebraska, including the Governor's Mansion, and on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. Contact Donna Turner at 402-397-3643 or Judy Sundberg at 402-333-6981 for reservations or questions. We also have a sign-up sheet at the Information Center.

ATTENTION ALL PCOC FAMILIES!

Fellowship for families was a huge success this past year and we are getting ready to start signups for our next session! We are excited that families with children ranging in ages from birth through high school will have the opportunity to gather together to share a meal, become better acquainted, and build new friendships and community in a relaxed, casual setting. This next session will run from September through January with families scheduling dates and times to get together (a minimum of three times) for food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Information Center. Please sign your family up by Sunday, August 27th if you would like to participate. You will be contacted by a host family to schedule the first get-together. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Miller at 402-290-6526.



ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES begin on September 10th! Signup sheets are now available at the Information Center, along with a description of each class. There is a wide variety of classes to choose from – from Bible Study to Parenting to Prayer! Classes are held on Sunday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, and Wednesday evenings, so please sign up for more than one! It’s very helpful to know how many people to plan for as we purchase books and materials for the classes.

CALLING ALL CELLO PLAYERS! There are many of you out there! Patty Ritchie is forming a cello ensemble to play for the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 17th. There will be a rehearsal on Wednesday, September 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please let Patty know by September 8th if you would like to play, at pritchie1@centurylink.net.

INTRODUCTORY TAI CHI CLASS

Have you been wanting to try Tai Chi but are reluctant to join an on-going group? Are you concerned about your balance and want to take steps to decrease your risk of falls? A new opportunity to practice a gentle, non-strenuous form of exercise, specifically aimed at improving balance, is being offered this fall. Paula Allen will lead a 7-week, introductory class for Tai Chi on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m., September 11th to October 26th. Following this class, you will be more than ready to join the class already in progress that meets on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. A donation of \$40 for 14 sessions is requested and a minimum of 10 people is needed to offer the class. Please contact Paula at 402-778-0236 or kp.allen@cox.net to ask questions or express interest. Non-church members are welcome as well!

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

- Bread Delivery** Anne Wattles
- Information Center** Nancy Drews
- Childcare Ministry** Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher
- Coffee Host** Mike Howland

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 20	Monday, August 21	Tuesday, August 22	Wednesday, August 23	Thursday, August 24	Friday, August 25	Saturday, August 26	Sunday, August 27
Pantry Sunday 10:00 Worship with Communion	9:15 M&M Exercise 10:00 Music 11:00 M&M Exercise 7:00 Deacons	9:45 Staff 6:30 Cross Care	5:30 Strategic Planning Committee 7:00 Confirmation Mentor Meeting	9:15 M&M Exercise 10:00 Tai Chi & Music 11:00 M&M Exercise		9:30-12:30 Strategic Planning 10:00-2:30 Handbell Workshop 5-9 Parents Night Out	10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship Fair Youth Car Wash

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