



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Summer Youth Choir Festival Sunday

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" Dale Wood
As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

SILENT MEDITATION

"God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other."
- C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "In Meeting We Are Blessed" Troy Robertson
Nathan Denton, solo

PRAISE AND ADORATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE #641** "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" ENGELBERG
(*Please stand, if you are able.)
Stanza 1: All Stanza 2: Women
Stanza 3: Men Stanza 4: Choir Stanza 5: All

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness, but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON #577 (sung by the choir) "Lord, Have Mercy"
KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI #582** (sung by the choir) "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"
GLORIA TO GOD (Vasile)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5: 22-26 page 948 of the pew Bible

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

"Ukuthula (African Prayer for Peace)"

André van der Merwe

Erin Kalamaja, solo

Zulu translation: *In this sinful world. Through the blood of Jesus: We find peace! We are saved! We are filled with gratitude! We will conquer! We are consoled! We find peace!*

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

page 290 of the pew Bible

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Mantle of Succession"

Dr. Zieman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

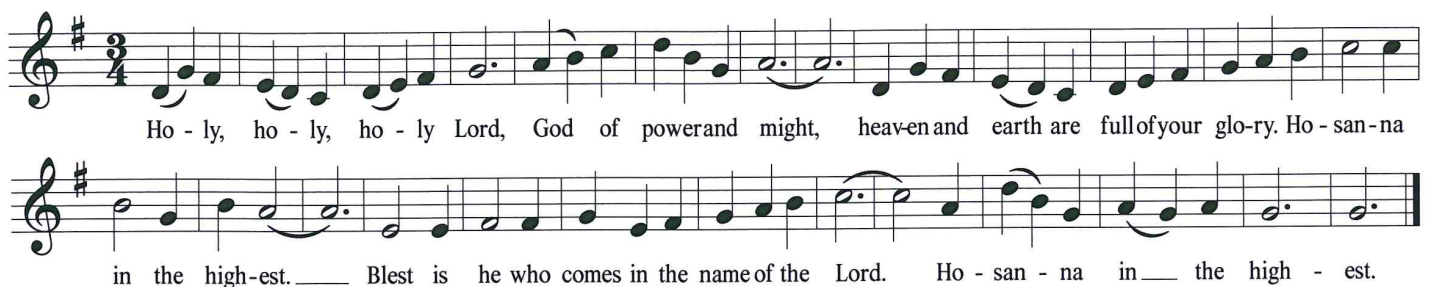
from the Belhar Confession, 1996

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

*SANCTUS (#572)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Thomas Pavlechko



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na
in the high-est. — Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"We Are Held"

Susan LaBarr & Jim Wilson

Anika Richards and Avery Fuller, solos

"Celebrate!"

Keith Hampton

Sara Kalamaja, solo

***DOXOLOGY (#607)**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today, and the offering of our lives, be used to further your kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #821**

“My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing?)”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION

“Hands Are Knockin’”

Kyle Pederson

(please be seated)

Chase van Briesen and Anna Wagner, solos

Arabic translation: *We open our minds, thanks to God*

We open our hearts, thanks to God

We reach out our hands, thanks to God

POSTLUDE

“Hyfrydol”

Healey Willan

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music

Annette White, organ

Childcare Ministry

Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher

Ushers

Anne Wattles, Jean Lynn, Gary Lynn, Inga Wagner, Alta Empkey

Greeters

North Door: Eileen Wright

South Door: Sue Meusey & Betty Mack

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For your convenience during worship: Bibles, hymnals, and sign-in books are in the pews. Blue envelopes are provided for the offering, and white prayer request cards are also provided. Prayer requests are confidential.

During the summer, worship is held at 10:00 a.m. only, and there is no Sunday School.

Our summer office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Our two-service format and Sunday School for all ages resumes on the Sunday after Labor Day.

Summer Youth Choir Festival Choir
Kristi Treu, Director

Youth Choir Festival 2022 Participants

Alyssa Barsoom
Lucas Bartholomew
Nathan Denton
Sophia Dwyer
Cadence Fritz
Avery Fuller
Kristen Gardner
Bridget Jones
Erin Kalamaja
Sara Kalamaja
Delaney Kigerl
Skyler Latta
Marlee McIntyre
Anna Richards

Lucas Richards
Jonathan Richter-Egger
Cooper Stiles
Rachael Thibodeau
Jozlyn Thomas
Chase van Briesen
Anna Wagner
Kathryn Wagner
Maddie Wiswell
Noah Young

Cayce Wilkinson-Graalfs, pianist
Ryan Wilson, percussion

This morning's music is the culmination of a fun and intense week of rehearsals and activities. We gathered as strangers on Monday evening and we leave this morning as friends. As one of our songs says, "We are met together and together we are blessed." This year's singers represent Skutt Catholic, St. James Seton, Christ the King, Westside, Bellevue West, Millard West, and Bennington high schools.

Thank you to our adult volunteers who gave their time during the week preparing and serving snacks and driving us all over Omaha on our Outreach Tour: Anne Wattles, Jean and Gary Lynn, Don Metzger, and Valerie Fuller. Thanks to Nickie Quartoroli for preparing lunches for our tour.

Our special thanks goes out to guest clinician Dr. Derrick Fox of UNO who spent an hour inspiring and encouraging us.

On behalf of all the singers, I want to thank you, members of the PCOC congregation, for supporting this event for the past seven summers. – Kristi Treu



Announcements

For the week of June 26, 2022

The Week Briefly

Sunday, June 26

- 9:45 Agape Church Visit
- 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship

Monday, June 27

- 10:00 Tai Chi Class
- 6:30 Session Meeting

Tuesday, June 28

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study in Room 15
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Afternoon Bible Study in Room 15
- 2:00 Active Minds (Somerset)
- 6:30 Cross Care on Zoom

Thursday, June 30

- 10:00 Tai Chi Class

Sunday, July 3

- 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship

Office is Closed on Monday, July 4.

Joys and Concerns

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Mike Howland and Linda Matson in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary and also by Nadine Jenkins in loving memory of Dick Jenkins.

The father of PCOC member Mark Mathia passed away last week. A Memorial Service for Elvan Mathia will be held on Saturday, July 2, at 11:00 in our sanctuary.

Two Ways to Deepen Your Faith on Tuesdays! Join the Men's Bible Study at 7:00 a.m. or the Tuesday Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. Both groups will study the same lesson and meet in Room 15. Sign up online and bring your favorite Bible!

Join Active Minds for the last week of Somerset on Tuesday, June 28. Join us on Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. on the lower level. Active Minds will not meet in in July. Questions? Contact Earlene Uhrig.

Agape for All Summer Events & Invitations. Today, some of our members are worshipping at Church of the Resurrection. On July 24, we will worship at Mt. Moriah Mission Baptist Church. On August 7, we will worship at Salem Baptist. We also have a tour of the Malcolm X Museum planned for July 23 at 1:00 p.m. The museum address is 3448 Evans St. A donation of \$15 per person is requested for the 30-minute tour. Sign up online or at the Information Desk. Contact Patty Ritchie with questions.

Back to School Supply Drive in July. The Mission Committee is asking church members to bring school supplies to benefit our OPS partner schools. School supplies and backpacks will be collected Sunday, July 3 through Friday, August 12. The collection boxes will be in the circle drive lobby on the west side of the building and on the south side of the Information Desk in the Narthex starting on July 3. Drop you school supplies off on Sunday when you come to worship or anytime throughout the week. Thank you! Reach out to Amy Miller, John Bennett or Rob Bailey for more information.



Attention Visitors! We are pleased you have joined us today for worship. It is a pleasure to welcome friends into our fellowship. To learn more about Church of the Cross, please stop by the Information Desk in the Narthex and pick up a Welcome Packet. It provides information about worship, music ensembles, education classes, church committees, mission opportunities, and fellowship gatherings.

If you are interested in membership, our next New Member Class will happen after the church service on July 10 in Room 15. The class is about an hour long and a light lunch will be served. Sign up online on the church website.

Church Potluck on Sunday, July 24. The Congregational Life Committee invites you to share in our annual Summer Potluck Dinner on July 24 following worship. Chicken (both baked and fried) and beverages will be provided, and you are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert. Please make sure that your food is cut and ready to be served. We will keep it hot or cold in the kitchen until lunch. Sign up online or at the Information Desk by July 17, so that the committee knows how much chicken is needed. See you there! There may even be some surprises!

Sing with the Summer Choir! Summer Choir is an opportunity for ALL AGES to sing together. Join Alleluia Singers at 9:00 in the choir room to rehearse music for the 10:00 service on both July 10 and August 7.



Tai Chi Meets All Summer. Join us at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays in the Great Room. Masks are optional. Drop ins are welcome. Questions? Contact Paula Allen.

Book Group Meets on Wednesday, July 20. Join the PCOC Book Group in Room 13 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. for our annual planning session. All readers are welcome! Contact June Fettig with questions.

8th Annual Garage Sale is July 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will accept donations on July 10-17 at the North entrance. We will gladly accept your household items, toys, baby and children's stuff, clothing (no T shirts), shoes, furniture, and sports equipment. Please have your items clean and sorted when you drop them off. Please do not donate mattresses, treadmills, stationary exercise bikes, tires, tube TVs, VHS videos/players, cassette tapes/players, liquids of any kind (we must pay to dispose of these items, so please do not bring them to church, or any electronics older than built circa 2000. We are also looking for volunteers to help sort and price July 11-15 and July 18-22 from 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. each day. No need to sign up – just show up when you're available to help!

Retirement Celebration on July 31. Jon and Carla Fritz have faithfully served as leaders of our Junior High Fellowship group since 2012. They have decided it's time to retire. Help us thank Jon and Carla for their many years of service by writing a card of thanks. We'll collect the cards in the church office and present them at a retirement reception on Sunday, July 31 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Voices for Children Gift Card Collection Continues. We are accepting gift cards to use as game prizes & silent auction items for a 35th Birthday Celebration on Friday, November 4, 2022, in the ballroom at the Livestock Exchange Building. Donations go through September 23, 2022. Contact Amy Boesen with questions.



Can You Help? We have usher openings on these Sundays for our 10 a.m. service: July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31. Sign up online!

Need to sign up online for a PCOC activity/event? You can now do that at the Information Desk in the Narthex. A tablet is available that will take you to our active sign-up options.

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