# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

Dale Wood

As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

#### SILENT MEDITATION

"The pattern for many leaders is to be exalted in life and forgotten after death. The pattern for all who serve God—famous or obscure, respected or ignored—is that death is the door to glory."

"People of loving service are rare in any walk of life. Leaders of loving service are still rarer. But in all cases those who serve will be loved and remembered when those who cling to power and privileges are forgotten."

Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, in his funeral sermon for Queen Elizabeth II

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

# PRAISE AND ADORATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

**WAREHAM** 

(\*Please stand if you are able)

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us to fight the good fight of the faith and to take hold of the eternal life. Yet, we fail to do this. Instead, we focus our hearts on things that are harmful. We find ourselves drawn to media sources that degrade others. We listen to voices that feed on fear and division. We forget about those who are most in need. Forgive us God. Help us build up the body of Christ by living into our role as your disciples bringing love and hope to those we encounter.

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

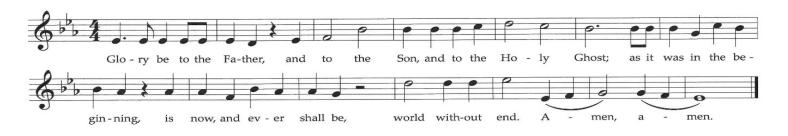


#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI (#581)

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI



#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

page 965 of the pew Bible

\*HYMN #846

Fight the Good Fight

**DUKE STREET** 

# 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** 

"Childhood Hymn" (9:00)
"Christ Ever with Me" (11:10)

David R. Hosinger Michael Cox

# PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16: 19-31

page 851 of the pew Bible

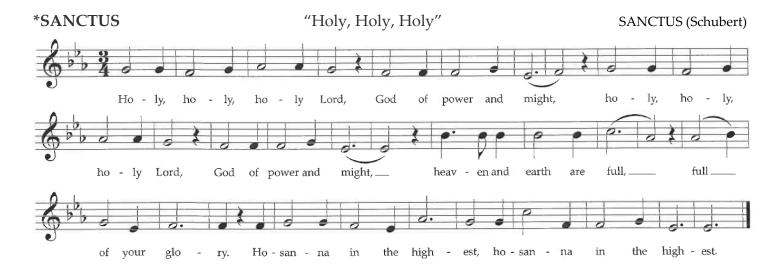
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### from A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.



# RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** 

"Come Thou Fount" (9:00)
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (11:10)

arr. Dana F. Everson arr. Matthew J. Armstrong

#### \*DOXOLOGY (#607)

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

Eternal God, from the abundance of your creation we have all we need. You have blessed us richly. Bless us again by receiving these gifts, multiplying them and using them, that we might see your kingdom at work among us, through Christ our Lord. Amen

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE "Rigaudon" Andre Campra

#### SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

**Music** 9:00 Trinity Brass: Marty McGuire & Gary Lynn, trumpets; Ann Pearson, horn;

Keith Allen, trombone; John Broderick, tuba; Kristi Treu, director;

Annette White, organ

11:10 Alleluia Singers; Kristi Treu, director; Annette White, organ

Childcare Ministry Kari Murry, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher

**Ushers** 9:00 Darold Bauer (captain), Mimi Bauer, Mike Shannon, Sherryl Shannon

11:10 Dennis Boesen (captain), Amy Boesen, Ken Kluck, John Stalnaker

**Greeters** 9:00 North: Bob & Judy Thomas South: Carolyn Will

11:10 North: Dave & Mary Ann Pederson South: Nancy Anderson

**Information Center** 9:00 Kristin Jacobi 11:10 Sheri Sessions

**Coffee Host** Karen Saunders

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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.

## **The Week Briefly**

#### Sunday, September 25

Deacons' Red Cross Blood Drive until 2 p.m. 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream 10:00 Sunday School & Financial Literacy

10:00 Sunday School & Financial Literacy classes during Coffee Fellowship

11:10 Worship in Sanctuary4:45 JHF Scavenger Hunt

#### Monday, September 26

9:00 Music & Movement11:00 Music & Movement6:30 Session Meeting

#### Tuesday, September 27

7:00 Men's Bible Study in Room 15

9:30 Staff Meeting

1:00 Afternoon Bible Study in Room 15

2:00 Active Minds6:30 Cross Care on Zoom

#### Wednesday, September 28

9:30 Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

10:00 OAC Meeting5:30 Children's Choir5:50 Chamber Singers6:00 Cornerstone Dinner

6:30 Bible Study preschool-7<sup>th</sup> grades, Confirmation Class & *Diving into* 

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6:50 Alleluia Singers

7:00 All Church Orchestra Rehearsal

#### Thursday, September 29

9:00 Music & Movement 11:00 Music & Movement

6:00 Adult Bells

# Friday, September 30

7:00 Agape for All Meeting

#### Sunday, October 2

9:00 Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream

10:00 Sunday School

11:10 Worship in Sanctuary

Noon Financial Literacy Class & Lunch

4:45 JHF Fun & Games

SHF Top Golf

8:00 College Bible Study on Zoom

## **Joys and Concerns**

Former Member Sherri Juarez (joined the church with the 1980 confirmation class) passed away this week at the age of 56. She is the daughter of current members Mike and Velma Juarez.

# The Red Cross Blood Drive is Today.

Thank you to all who have signed up to donate! Walk in donations are welcome. The drive will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the lower-level Great Room.



**2nd Drive of Refugee Project Ends Today.** Today is the final Sunday of collection for KITCHEN ITEMS for refugee families. Want to help our refugee projects? Contact Jeanne Smay, Dawn Buchanan, or Paula Allen.

Financial Literacy Classes Continue. Join us at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to learn about planning your estate, presented by Mary Hewitt, estate attorney, McGill, Gotsdiner, Workman, and Lepp. Topics will include an overview of Wills, Trusts and other estate planning techniques, planned giving, federal estate tax, and how to include Presbyterian Church of the Cross in your Last Will & Testament.

Oct. 2 will be our final class at noon with lunch. The topic for the last class will be Composing a Legacy, presented by Kyle Nolan, Ministry Relations Officer, The Presbytery Foundation: Topics will include reasons for legacy giving, theological reasons for legacy giving, composing a Christian Will and things to consider when planning your legacy, giving now and giving later, and ways to give: wills, insurance, DAFs, trusts, endowments, IRAs. Please sign up online, so we have an accurate count for lunch.

**JHF Only Today.** SHF went to the baseball Game on Saturday, so JHF has the church to themselves tonight for scavenger hunt from 4:45-6:30. Meet downstairs.

College Bible Study Tonight at 8 p.m. on Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 0569 0844 Passcode: 045719

# **Construction Updates!**

- **South Parking Lot:** On Monday, September 26, the south parking lot will be closed for construction.
- **Power Outage This Week:** We have another building power outage scheduled for Thursday, September 29. Staff will be working from home that day. If you need assistance, please call Rock's cell phone #.



**All-Church Orchestra Rehearsals.** If you signed up for the intergenerational All-Church Orchestra, your rehearsals are on September 28 and October 5 from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. We will play in worship on Sunday, October 9 at the 11:10 service (with warm up at 10:20 a.m.)

We Need Help Filling Our Usher Teams! Ushers serve at one service, one Sunday every month. We have openings on our teams on the 3rd Sunday (2 open at 11:10), 4th Sunday (1 open at 9:00 and 3 open at 11:10), and the 5th Sunday (in Oct., Jan., and April - 3 open at 9:00 and 4 open at 11:10). If you'd like to help, sign up online.



Agape for All Meeting on Friday, September 30 at 7 p.m. in Room 15. Join Kathy and Patty to discuss social justice experiences you may have had over the summer and share ideas for Agape for All as we move forward. We'll have some sweets and beverages so let us know if you can join us. Email Kathy Moore to RSVP.

Agape Invitation to More Courageous Conversations. Join us on Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center for the third in a series of East - West Courageous Conversations titled, 'YOUR VOTE - YOUR POWER." We will discuss important ballot issues dealing with an increase in Nebraska's minimum wage and the requirement for voter identification when casting your ballot. Both sides of those issues will be presented by speakers from the League of Women Voters, Nebraska Appleseed, Civic Nebraska, and the Douglas County Election Commission. Patty Ritchie and Kathy Moore are on the planning committee and flyers will be distributed soon!

**49ers on October 4 at 11:30 at Wheatfields.** Our October speaker will be Jessica Wade, a reporter with the Omaha World Herald covering Omaha's City Hall, transportation, and city development projects. She reached outside her city beat in 2021 to begin a series on the Genoa US Indian Industrial Boarding School. You can



find a link to her most recent article on the church website. Join us at 11:30 a.m. at Wheatfields, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place) in the Garden Room. We will order from a special menu. For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg, or sign up at the Information Desk.

**Presbyterian Women on October 6.** Come join our Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle on Thursday, October 6 at 9:00 am in Room 15. Ruth Madison will lead us in Lesson 2, Sabbath and Creation. Questions? Contact Cindy Nisley.

**BURM Conference Oct. 6-8.** The BURM Network is meeting IN PERSON Oct. 6-8 in Green Bay, WI. Learn history, the current climate, and actions being taken in Eastern Europe. Help us engage with Christian partners and devise next steps. Find details and register online via the church website.

Annual Outdoor Concert with Hot Club KC Gypsy Jazz Band on October 9. Bring your lawn chairs and meet us on the East Lawn! Hot Club KC plays toe-tapping gypsy jazz in the style of Django Reinhardt and the Hot Club of France. They'll perform music of Django, Duke, Basie, Bird, Wayne, Trane, The Drifters, and more. A fun event for the entire family! The concert is free and takes place on Sunday, October 9, at 4:30 p.m.



Vesper Concerts has room in our concert program for more logos from local businesses. If you'd like to see your business represented, please contact Kristi Treu at kristi@pcoc.us for pricing.

Living on Hope: Terminal Illness, Chronic Pain, and Life in the Unknown. Led by Cross Care Connections Sundays, October 9 - December 11 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Living on Hope is a series of classes on living with terminal illness. The class is designed for those diagnosed with terminal disease, for survivors, for caregivers, and for all who seek understanding of the impact of terminal disease. The ten-week class will include a discussion of Deanna Thompson's book, Glimpsing Resurrection, as well as a number of guest speakers who can help us navigate the world of disease as disciples of Christ. Register online by October 1 using the Adult Education form. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall.

**New Member Class on October 9.** Are you interested in joining the church or know someone who is? Our next class will be Sunday, October 9 after late service in Room 15. A light lunch will be provided. Sign up online.

**Friday Night Gourmets on October 14, 2022.** Dine at Outback Steakhouse at 2414 South 132nd St., at 6:30 p.m. Your hosts are Cindy and Ken Nisley and Paul and Kathy Nickel. Sign up online or at the Information Desk.



A Fall Favorite Returns – Trunk or Treat! Join us on the East Lawn on Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. for fun, games, and trunk or treating. Be sure to wear your costume and bring a bucket for your treats. We encourage everyone in the congregation to participate by hosting a trunk. Decide on a theme, decorate your vehicle, dress up (come on, it's fun!), and provide treats or toys to hand out to the children. It's that easy and so much fun! We also need candy donations. Please place bags of wrapped candy in the bin in the Narthex.

OSS Needs Back-to-School Supplies. Omaha Street School (OSS) has a list of needed supplies available through an Amazon Wish List. You can also make a donation online, so OSS can purchase supplies. Find the links in your Friday email from church and on the church website.

**PCOC Volunteers Needed for ROC Ministries.** PCOC is signed up to host another evening session on Thursday, October 27 from 3:30 to 7:15 p.m. We'll get to know the kids, be a friend, play board games, and help them build self-worth. Mission coordinator Rob Bailey is looking for more volunteers to assist. You can carpool with Rob from the church at 3 p.m. or drive on your own (1427 Silver St. in Ashland NE 68003). Sign up on the church website/type your name next to Rob's on the list. Questions? Contact Rob Bailey.



# Children's Christmas Pageant December 4 at 5 p.m.

Hear ye, hear ye,
Emperor Augustus has sent
out a decree
To all the children at PCOC
Get registered
for the Children's Pageant
Don't miss out
Be more than counted!

Do you see an education, mission, fellowship, or volunteer opportunity that you'd like to sign up for? Sign up online! Use your smart phone to scan our QR code to go to the PCOC Online Signup Page. Scroll to locate your event, then click the button to go to that sign up form. Don't have a smart phone? Stop by the Information Desk and use the tablet to sign up online.





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