



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, March 19, 2023

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in E Minor"

J.S. Bach

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

SILENT MEDITATION

Repentance is not an emotion. It is not feeling sorry for your sins. It is a decision. It is deciding that you have been wrong in supposing that you could manage your own life and be your own god; it is deciding that you were wrong in thinking that you had, or could get, the strength, education, and training to make it on your own; it is deciding that you have been told a pack of lies about yourself and your neighbors and your world. And it is deciding that God in Jesus Christ is telling you the truth. Repentance is a realization that what God wants from you and what you want from God are not going to be achieved by doing the same old things, thinking the same old thoughts. Repentance is a decision to follow Jesus Christ and become his pilgrim in the path of peace. – Eugene Peterson



CALL TO WORSHIP

The 23rd Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN #440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy, we often live our lives in the dark forgetting to lend a helping hand to those need, wasting our time with petty grievances and concentrating on selfish gain. Forgive us and help us live into the light ushered in by Christ. Jesus taught us to help others, to be champions of peace, to stand for justice and to choose the good. Let us live into those teachings transforming the world through your love.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON (#417)

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

SOUTHWELL



Lord Je-sus, think on me, and purge a-way my sin. From earth-born pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with-in.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*LENTEN HYMN #212

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Rock Sumner, Business Manager

ANTHEM

“Wherefore My Trust Is All in Thee” (9:00)

John Dowland; arr. K. Lee Scott

“Do Not I Love Thee, O My Lord?” (11:10)

The Sacred Harp; arr. Timothy Shaw

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 5: 8-14

page 951 of the pew Bible

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord’s Prayer (9:00)

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.

The Lord’s Prayer (11:10, sung by the choir)

Scott Perkins

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9: 1-41

page 871 of the pew Bible

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Do You Also Want to Become His Disciple?"

Dr. Zieman

Jesus heals the man born blind.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from a Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***SANCTUS (#1)**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep" (9:00)

K. Lee Scott

"Non Nobis, Domine" (11:10)

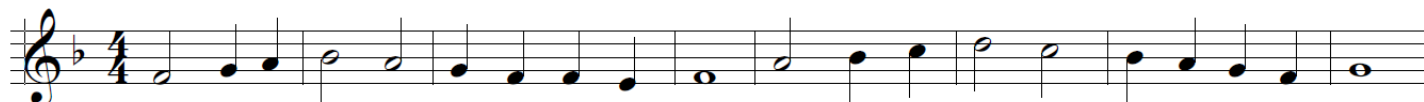
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Not unto us, O Lord, but to your name be the glory.

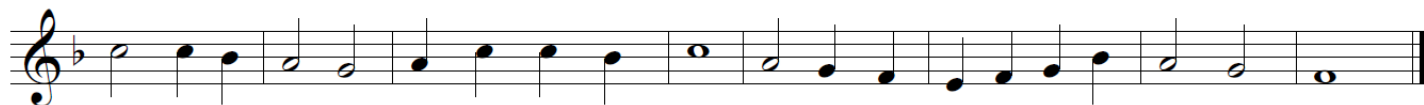
*** DOXOLOGY (#711)**

"Lord of All Good"

TOULON



Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your ho - ly purpose to ful - fill,



to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new, that our whole life is of - fered to your will.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #223**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Finale”

Georg Muffat

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music

9:00 Kristi Treu, soprano; Annette White, organ

11:10 Chamber Singers; Annette White, organ

Childcare Ministry

Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher

Ushers

9:00 Tim Graumann (captain), Brenda Graumann, Kathy Moore, Cheryl Bedell,
& Jeff Boyum

11:10 David Hopp, Josh Murray, Joe Weaver, Sandi Stuckey

Greeters

9:00 Dave & Mary Ann Pederson

11:10 South Door: Doug Larson

11:10 North Door: Pam Swenson

Information Center

9:00 Kathy Nickel

11:10 Kris Goodman

Coffee Hosts

Danny Whitlow

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Announcements

For the week of March 19, 2023

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 19 – Pantry Sunday

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
- 10:00 Sunday School/Lenten Study/Coffee
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary
- 2:45 JHF & SHF attend Vesper Concert
- 3:00 Vesper Concert
- 5:00 Lenten Study (Sumner group)
- 8:00 College Bible Study

Monday, March 20

- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Afternoon Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 5:30 Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

- 5:30 Chamber Singers
- 6:30 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, March 16

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Bell Rehearsal
- 7:00 Lenten Study (Hansum group)

Saturday, March 25

- 1:00 Brenda Soukup Open House until 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 26

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
- 10:00 Sunday School/Lenten Study/Coffee
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary
- 4:45 JHF fun & games at church
SHF "Chopped" lesson at church
- 5:00 Lenten Study (Sumner group)
- 8:00 College Bible Study

Joys & Concerns. Jackie Upah, a member since 1988, passed away on March 9 in North Carolina. Jackie had moved in recent years to be closer to her daughters. Cards may be sent to Noelle Upah at 5617 Closeburn Road, Charlotte, NC 28210.

Brenda Soukup's daughter Karen is bringing Brenda back to town to visit friends and family. Stop by an open house on Saturday, March 25 from 1-4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall to catch up with Brenda.

Today Is Pantry Sunday! Support the Heartland Hope Mission pantry by donating food and hygiene items. If you forgot to bring your items today, you can drop them inside the circle drive doors anytime.

Youth Groups Today. Both JHF and SHF will attend the Vesper Concert today in support of JHF leader and oboist, Sara Renner. Meet at the church at 2:45.

Midwest Premiere of "Parable of a Stormy Sea" Today!

Vesper Concerts is excited to present Dr. Heather Baxter (Omaha Symphony), Dr. Alyssa Morris (Kansas State University), and Dr. Sara Renner (Omaha Conservatory) for a concert of



oboe and English horn music. Among the pieces they will play is Dr. Morris's composition "Parable of a Stormy Sea," a multi-movement work based on passages from Jonah and the Gospel of Mark. Concert time is 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

College Bible Study. Join us tonight on Zoom at 8 p.m.

Check your email from church for the Zoom information.

Order Easter Flowers by March 26. You will find the order forms at the Information Center in the Narthex. You also can order online. Sorry, absolutely no late orders can be accepted.

No Music & Movement on Monday. See you on Thursday!

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This special offering enables us to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Our Sunday School children received their Gracie fish banks a few weeks ago. During Lent, children are encouraged to fill up their banks, and bring them back to church on Easter Sunday, April 9.



Mission Relief for the Syria/Turkey Earthquake. Our earthquake relief donation drive continues through March 31, and PCOC's Mission Committee will match up to \$5,000. We've already exceeded the \$5000 goal! If you choose to donate by check, please write "Syria/Turkey Earthquake" on the memo line, or you can donate online on PCOC's website (choose Disaster Relief as the fund).

Refugee Family Donations. We're collecting items for our soon-to-be-assigned refugee family's new household. A dollhouse is set up outside the church office with a clothesline of hearts representing the items our new family will need to set up their household. You are invited to share a heart gift to help us supply the family's basic needs. If you have used items in good, usable condition, those will be accepted. The only items that must be new are towels and bedding/mattresses. Please place your items in a bin by the elevator (in the Lobby by the church office) with the heart attached. You will find a separate flyer at the Information Desk that provides information about donating larger items of furniture. We hope that you will get involved with our church family and help us welcome them to a new home, a new community, and a new life in a new land. It can prove to be a beautiful act of kindness and joy as we serve together and grow together in God's Love!



Great Food on March 26. Join us for a delicious meal in North Omaha at the Revive Center after our 11:10 church service on March 26. There will be a variety of meats and sides offered. We'll have a special table for our group. The Revive Center address is 2402 Lizzie Robinson Ave. It is located on the southwest corner of 24th and Lake. Parking is available west of the building. Plan to meet there at 12:40. Sign up on the church website or at the Information Center in the Narthex. Contact Mary Ott with questions.

You Belong at PCOC – Join Us on Sunday, March 26! For anyone interested in joining the church, our next new member discussion will follow late service on March 2. Join us in Room 15. A light lunch will be provided. Sign up online or call the church office.

"Trouble the Water" Adult Education Class. This new class will meet on Sundays, April 16 through May 21 at 10 a.m. and is led by Kathy Moore and Patty Ritchie. We will view and discuss a documentary series produced by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to facilitate conversation and engagement around the issues of race and racism. For details and a wonderful overview of this class, please watch the Trouble the Water Series Trailer video which can be found on the adult education page of the church website (or via the link in your church email). A discussion guide will be provided. Sign up online by April 7.

Presbyterian Women on April 6. You're invited to Presbyterian Women's Circle on Thursday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 15. Ruth Madison will share Lesson 8, Sabbath and Justice. Questions? Contact Cindy Nisley.



Pinwheels for Prevention. PCOC is again serving as a host site for Project Harmony's "Pinwheels for Prevention" Event. Following each service on Sunday, March 26, you are invited to pick up a pinwheel as you exit the south church entrance and plant it along our front walkway and main entryway flowerbed. In this way, we can do our small part to bring awareness to the issue of child abuse.

49ers on April 4. Our speaker for Tuesday, April 4 is Carl Greiner M.D., retired professor of psychiatry from UNMC. Carl, a member of PCOC, taught psychiatrists in training for 33 years. His presentation "How a Psychiatrist Thinks" will cover how psychiatrists access new patients. He will describe the biopsychosocial model for understanding a patient's life. Ample time will be left for questions. We will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place) in the Garden Room, and we will order from a special menu provided. Everyone is welcome - whether you are 49, younger, or older - come join us! For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Or, sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex.

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations. We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candy for the annual egg hunt on Saturday, April 8. If you would like to donate, look for the collection box in the Narthex. Thank you!

Friday Night Gourmets on April 14. Please join us at The Panda House, Chinese restaurant, at 14459 W. Center Road. We will order from the menu & have separate checks. Sign up at the Information Desk. Looking forward to seeing all of you there! Questions? Call one of the hosts: Nancy Koehler, Kim Banat & Betty Goodwin, or Susan Price.

Young Adult Mission Outreach June 22-25. Our young adults will be staying at Calvin Crest and venturing out for mission outreach throughout the metro area. More details to come soon!

Holy Week at Church of the Cross



Palm Sunday, April 2 at 9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

Our children will lead a palm parade through the Sanctuary, and the choirs, congregation, and trumpet will join in the jubilation. During coffee fellowship, we invite you to bring goodies to share as we continue the celebration. We will not have a big music program on this Sunday.

Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae service with communion

Good Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

The Alleluia Singers, along with professional guest soloists and chamber orchestra, will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Théodore Dubois.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Meet in Fellowship Hall for crafts and then we will hunt for eggs at 10:30. Bring your basket to collect eggs!

Easter Sunday, April 9 at 9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

Rejoice in worship in our beautiful flower-filled Sanctuary

Guest Organists in the Coming Weeks. When Dana Sloan (our organist for 48 years!) passed away last August, we were incredibly fortunate to have Annette White step into the position of organist/accompanist with ease. Annette has faithfully led worship from the organ for two services every Sunday and has played for Alleluia and Chamber Singers every Wednesday evening — a Herculean task!

Annette would eventually like to go back to being a substitute. In order to make her load a bit lighter, we may invite a substitute organist to play from time to time at the 9:00 service, or you might find Kristi accompanying the hymns at the piano. In addition, the church has formed a Search Committee and has posted a job position for Organist/Accompanist. Please help us spread the word if you know of anyone in the community who has the skills needed for this important position. The job posting can be found on the church website.

It's Not Too Early to Think About Summer . . . Sign Up for These Events Now!



Vacation Bible School June 13-15 (Tuesday-Thursday) from 9 a.m. - Noon

In the depths of the colorful underground cave is the beating heart of the hero community. In the Hero Hotline Headquarters, everyone's gifts are valued, and every hero has a role to play in following Jesus, helping others, working together, listening to God, and showing grace. Registration is open! Make sure your children don't miss out on the fun. Get them registered online today!

8th Annual Youth Choir Festival June 19-25. This event is for singers who have finished grades 8-12. Evening rehearsals will be Monday -Thursday from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m, including special activities and games. Our Omaha Outreach Tour will be all day Saturday, and we will sing in worship on Sunday. The cost is \$45 for the entire week. Register online today! Questions? Contact Kristi Treu at kristi@pcoc.us.



Need to sign up for a class or event 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 Center and use the tablet to sign up online.



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