



## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

"Suite in D Major"

Henry Purcell

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

### SILENT MEDITATION

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." - John Wesley

### CALL TO WORSHIP

based on John 10:1-10

Our Good Shepherd calls.

**He knows us each by our name.**

Our Good Shepherd leads.

**We are here to listen and to follow.**

Our Good Shepherd protects and provides.

**We give thanks and praise for our Good Shepherd.**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

### \*HYMN #187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

(\*Please stand if you are able)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you are our shepherd. You care for us, you protect our hearts, and you provide for our needs. Yet, we wander aimlessly, forgetting that our lives are in you. As we wander, we forget to follow your teachings, and we ignore those who are most vulnerable. Have mercy on us, God. Help us follow you, uniting us in our mission to serve you and your people.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

### KYRIE ELEISON (#551)

"Lord, Have Mercy"

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI (#240)

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks!"

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name. Je-sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, Give praise to his name.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 34: 11-16

page 702 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

"Our Father" (9:00)

Craig Courtney

"Peace Like a River" (11:10)

Craig Carnahan

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10: 1-10

page 872 of the pew Bible

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"More Than Merely Just Enough"

Dr. Zieman

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism

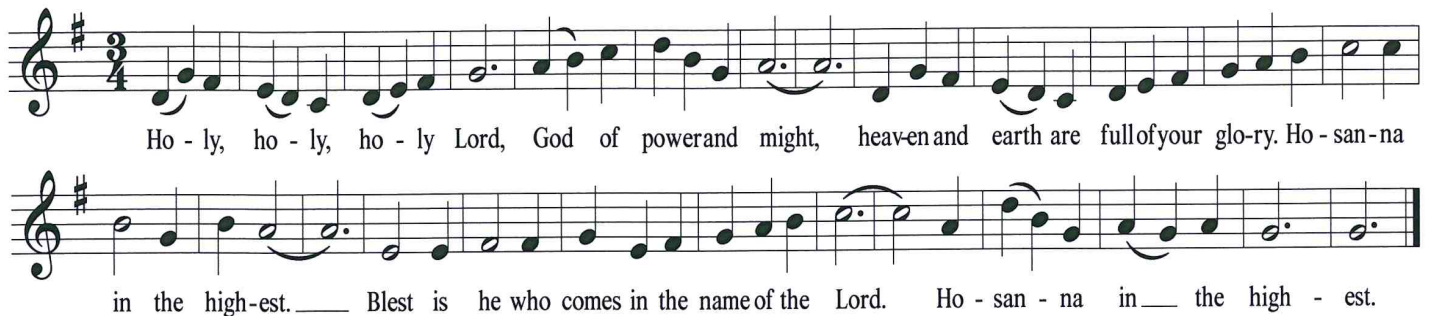
Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

### \*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

“Grace” (9:00)

Mark Hayes

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” (11:10)

Mark Hayes

### \*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

Risen and redeeming Lord, you have given us more than we could ever give you in return. You meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless Christ's ministry with these offerings. Amen.

### \*HYMN #246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

(9:00)

“Go Now In Peace”

Don Besig

Go now in peace. Ne - ver be a - fraid. God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day. Go now in faith,  
 stead-strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you be - lieve.  
 Reach out to oth - ers so all the world can see. God will be there watch - ing from a - bove. Go now in peace, in  
 faith, and in love. — A - men. — A - men. — A - men. —

(11:10)

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter Lutkin

**POSTLUDE**

“In Death’s Strong Bonds the Saviour Lay”

J.S. Bach

**SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

<b>Musicians</b>	9:00	Olivia Hacker, soprano; Kristi Treu, piano; Annette White, organ
	11:10	Chamber & Alleluia Singers; Annette White, organ
<b>Childcare Ministry</b>		Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00	Mike & Sherryl Shannon, Mimi Bauer & Darold Bauer
	11:10	Neal Hubbard, Richard & Trudy Meyer, Alta Empekey
<b>Greeters</b>	North Door: 9:00	Barbara Haar-Rightmyer
	South Door: 9:00	Sue Jenkins
	11:10	Doug Larson
	11:10	Bidong Tot
<b>Information Center</b>	9:00	Mary Ann Pederson
	11:10	Nancy Koehler
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>		Amy Boesen

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# Announcements

For the week of April 30, 2023

## The Week briefly

### **Sunday, April 30**

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
- 10:00 Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary
- 1:30 JHF to Tree Rush at Fontenelle Forest
- 1:30 SHF to Papio Fun Park

### **Monday, May 1**

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 5:30 Worship & Music Meeting at Kristi's
- 6:30 B & G Meeting

### **Tuesday, May 2**

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 11:30 49ers at Wheatfield's
- 1:00 Afternoon Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 4:00 Congregational Life Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 3**

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

### **Thursday, May 4**

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement
- 10:00 PW meeting & salad luncheon
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 4:30 Youth Sunday Rehearsal

### **Friday, May 5**

- 7:00 Vesper Concert - Invoke

### **Sunday, May 7**

#### **Youth Sunday**

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
- 10:00 Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship  
Graduating Senior Brunch
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary
- Noon Cross Roads for young adults
- 4:45 JHF (current 5<sup>th</sup> graders invited)  
SHF (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders invited)
- 8:00 College Bible Study

## **Joys & Concerns.**

Tim Goodman is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

**"Trouble the Water" Adult Education Class at 10 a.m.** Join us in Room 15 to view/discuss a documentary series produced by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to facilitate conversation and engagement around the issues of race and racism. This class is led by Kathy Moore and Patty Ritchie. A discussion guide will be provided.

**Youth Groups Today.** JHF & SHF will meet from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. for fun & games.

**No College Bible Study Tonight.** We'll resume on May 7 at 8 p.m. on Zoom.

**Celebrating Women Fundraiser.** Do you have a special woman in your life that deserves to be pampered? Not sure what to get her? Well look no further, because SHF is assembling baskets just in time for Mother's Day. The silent auction begins on April 23 and bidding ends on May 7. The baskets are on display in the corridor between Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary, so stop by and find the perfect gift for the woman in your life. You'll be notified right after late church on May 7 if you win. Thanks for your support!

**Presbyterian Women Circle on May 4 (later start time).** Presbyterian Women on Thursday May 4. Special meeting time 10:00 am in Room 15. We will have a salad luncheon after Sharon Walsh shares Lesson 9, Sabbath and Community. Bring a salad to share as this is our last meeting until September. Questions? Contact Cindy Nisley.

**Help Us Fill Our Job Opening.** Annette White has stepped into the position of interim organist/accompanist with ease, but she would eventually like to go back to being our substitute organist. As the church searches to fill our Organist/Accompanist job opening, you will see guest organists from time to time on Sunday. Please help us spread the word about this important job opening. Find the full job posting on the church website.

**Last Day to Sign Up for 49ers on May 2.** Join us for a journey with Suzie Louis, Founder and Director of Conservation Fusion – from Lemurs to Dreamers, as she educates us with the conservation and education programs in rural Madagascar to empower local people and save endangered species in the wild. 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! For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Or, sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex.

**2023 Habitat for Humanity Faith House Build Day.** If you are interested in helping with our Habitat for Humanity project this year, our build day will be on Saturday, June 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone 16 or over can volunteer, and we have room for 10 on our PCOC crew. We will meet at the site at 8 a.m., and Rob Bailey will provide the address the week before the event to those signed up. Lunch and water will be provided. Work gloves, work boots, long sleeve shirt, and pants are suggested. Goggles and hardhat will be provided. Sign up online on the church website.

**Final Vesper Concert of the Season on Friday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.**

Spend an evening with Invoke, self-described as a “bowed and fretted string quartet.” The multi-instrumental quartet encompasses traditions from across America, including bluegrass, Appalachian fiddle tunes, jazz, and minimalism. Invoke was selected to be the Young Professional String Quartet in Residence at the University of Texas at Austin from 2016-2018. Their awards include first prizes in the Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmalah Competition, the M-Prize International Chamber Arts competition, and the Coltman Competition. Invoke’s variety of styles and genres will make for a very fun evening.



**May 7 Is Youth Sunday.** You won’t want to miss this special service provided by our youth, from music to scripture to our senior faith talks. We will recognize our graduating seniors, and they will enjoy a brunch with their families between services that day provided by the Deacons. Attention youth: If you are helping with the service that day, our rehearsal is on Thursday, May 4 at 4:30 p.m.

**Friday Night Gourmets on May 12.** Please join us at Tussey’s casual grill, 9229 Mormon Bridge Plaza, Omaha, NE 68152, 402-884-2288. Social hour begins at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00. We’ll order from the menu and pay separately. Questions? Ask hosts Stan & Charlene Weyand and Don and Cindy Hiltgen. Sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex by noon on May 7.

**Volunteers Needed for Siena Francis House on May 14.** Did you know that Siena Francis House provides nearly 400,000 meals each year? PCOC serves meals on the 2nd Sunday of each month, and we are looking for at least 6 volunteers to help. Our serving shift runs 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. on May 14. Please sign up to help.



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## Sign Up Now for These Summer Events!



### Vacation Bible School June 13-15 (Tuesday-Thursday)

9 a.m. – Noon

**Deadline is June 1**

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 – sign up online! Make sure your children don't miss out on the fun. Get them registered 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](mailto:kristi@pcoc.us).



### 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. Cost per person \$100. Learn more and sign up online!

#### Wednesday, June 21

4:00-6:00 – Completely Kids

6:30 – Sandwiches at the church

#### Thursday, June 22

10:00 – Meet at Church of the Cross – fill water bottles/pack

2:00 – Meet at Sienna Francis House to hand out water bottles and glasses

5:00 – Camp Calvin Crest – check into cabins

6:30 – Hobo Dinners

9:00 – Ice Breakers, Bonfire, Smores, Games

#### Friday, June 23

8:00 – Breakfast at Camp Calvin Crest

9:00 – Habitat for Humanity House in Fremont

5:00 – Free time and GAGA ball

6:00 – Dinner

8:30 – Bible Study

9:00 – T-shirt toys for Homeward Bound in the Heartland

#### Saturday, June 24

8:00 – Breakfast in the cabins – Pancakes

9:00 – Set up Fireworks Stand for ROC Ministries in Ashland

6:00-9:00 – Night on the town! Our favorite food truck? Ice cream?

10:00 – Boundary Breaking, Games

#### Sunday, June 25

8:00 – Breakfast in the cabins

10:00 – Worship at PCOC



**Need to sign up for an event?  
We've made it easy!**

Scan our QR code to find the online sign-up page.