# **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE** 

"We All Believe in One God, Creator"

J.S. Bach

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

#### SILENT MEDITATION

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.
attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 1577

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 33:1-5

Rejoice in the Lord, O you, God's beloved;

Sing to God a new song!

For the word of the Lord is upright,

And all God's work is done in faithfulness.

Our God loves righteousness and justice;

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

# PRAISE AND ADORATION

\*OPENING HYMN #365 (\*Please stand, if you are able.) God Reigns, Let Earth Rejoice!

**MARION** 

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, We confess in your presence that we have not followed when you have called us to follow. We have wandered from your ways and have ignored your instructions. In doing this, we have not been the servant people that you have called us to be. Forgive us. Help us walk into your light and live in your ways that we might be a blessing to all.

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION



#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON



#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** 

Genesis 12: 1-9
The Call of Abram

page 8 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.

# PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

page 790 of the pew Bible

The Call of Matthew

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**PRAYER** 

# **RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

"Deep River"

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

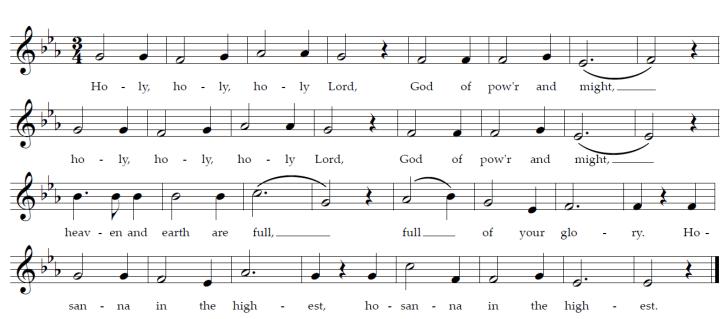
The Apostles' Creed

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SANCTUS (Schubert)



## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SERVING OF THE BREAD

Rev. Dempsey will walk down the center aisle with gluten-free bread.

THE CUP OF THE NEW COVENANT

### **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

"God Is My Shepherd"

Antonin Dvořák

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## COMMISSIONING OF THE JUNIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #511 Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven LLANFAIR

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata Festiva" Richard Purvis

#### **SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

Music Jacob Denton, tenor; Kristi Treu, piano; Annette White, organ

Elders serving Communion Keith Allen, Paula Allen, Curt Field, Launie Lambert, Tim Graumann, Brenda

Graumann, Gary Lynn, Jean Lynn, Gary Marron and Marsha Marron

**Ushers** Rick & Sheri Sessions, Alta Empkey, Curt Field, Launie Lambert

Greeters North Door: Barbara Haar-Rightmyer South Door: Doug Larson

**Information Center** Ardys Hansum

Childcare Ministry Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher

Coffee Hosts Jayne Frederickson

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#### The Week at a Glance

#### Sunday, June 11

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream JHF Commissioning during worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

Don & Millie's Caring & Sharing
until 3 p.m.

11:10 New Member Discussion in Room 154:15 Serve dinner at Siena Francis House

#### Monday, June 12

9 & 11 Music & Movement

10:00 Tai Chi

Noon Breast Cancer Support Group/Lunch

#### Tuesday, June 13

7:00 Men's Bible Study

9:00 VBS

9:30 Staff Meeting

1:00 Afternoon Bible Study

2:00 Active Minds

5:30 Membership Committee Meeting

6:30 Mission Committee Meeting

#### Wednesday, June 14

9:00 VBS

#### Thursday, June 15

9 & 11 Music & Movement

9:00 VBS 10:00 Tai Chi

2:00 Prep for Gatewood funeral

### Friday, June 16

Cross Currents Deadline

JHF Mission Trip departs & returns Sunday 10:30 Joel Gatewood funeral & lunch

#### Sunday, June 18

Pantry Sunday

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream11:00 Congregational Meeting followed by coffee fellowship

## **Summer Schedule Through September 3**

Single Worship Service at 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship at 11 a.m. No Sunday School Office Hours: 9:00 to 3:30 Monday-Friday **Joys and Concerns.** The flowers in the chancel this week are given by Bob and Judy Thomas in honor of their anniversary. We have the joy of commissioning our JHF mission trip today before their mission trip on Friday.

New Member Discussion on Sunday, June 11. If you are interested in joining the church, please join us in Room 15 after worship today. The discussion will last about an hour and a light lunch will be served. Sign up online or call the church office.

June 11 is a Caring & Sharing Day! Stop by Don & Millie's at 108th & Center to grab lunch from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. today. Tell them you're with PCOC, and 20% of your bill comes back to us to support next year's JHF Mission Trip.

Serve Dinner TODAY at Siena Francis House. It's the 2nd Sunday of the month, which means it's our turn to serve dinner from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. We still have several volunteer spots open. Sign up for one of the PCOC timeslots. If you have not already created a volunteer account, the website will prompt you to do so. Questions? Contact Keith Allen.

**Tuesday Bible Study Resumes Regular Schedule.** Our men's only study will meet at 7 a.m. in Room 15. Our 1 p.m. study will meet in Room 15 and on Zoom. New members are always welcome! Bring your favorite Bible and join the discussion.

Congregational Meeting on June 18. The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, June 18, at the conclusion of our worship service, so that we may dissolve the call of Pastor Christine Dempsey. Christine's last day will be Sunday, July 2. Christine is headed to Estes Park, Colorado to become the pastor of the Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies.

**Youth Choir Festival Is Cancelled.** Due to lack of participation, we just don't have the number of singers needed to make our annual youth choir festival successful. If you've already paid the \$45 registration fee, our business administrator will send a refund via mail.

**Breast Cancer Support Group on Monday, June 12.** We will meet in the Prayer Room with lunch at noon.

**VBS Starts on Tuesday, June 13.** If you signed up, we will see you from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Thursday this week. This year, our VBS mission project will be to collect food for Heartland Hope Mission to help feed hungry kids this summer. We are looking for donations of these specific items: cereal, granola bars, EZ mac, peanut butter, jelly, fruit cups, and cup o' noodles.

**Agape for All Invites You to Courageous Conversations on June 15.** Nebraska senators will share highlights of this past legislative session, and together we will explore the importance of civil discourse. The ability to listen and learn are perhaps our most valuable tools for advancing social justice. All of our society's issues have a social justice component. Kathy Moore and Patty Ritchie serve on the planning committee for Courageous Conversations. Call Kathy or Patty with questions.

Cross Currents Deadline is Friday, June 16. If you have content for our July newsletter, please email it to gayle@pcoc.us by the deadline.

**Summer Ushers and Greeters Needed.** Looking for a way to serve the church? Sign up to usher or greet on a Sunday that works for you!

- We are looking for ushers June 4 through September 3. No experience needed! Families are welcome to sign up. We will send emails to all who sign up with directions for your usher duties. Sign up online!
- We have open greeter spots in July and August, and you can sign up online or at the Information Desk.



Join Alleluia Singers for Summer Choir Sundays! We have three opportunities for you to sing with us for Summer Choir: June 18, July 16, and August 13. Come to the choir rehearsal room at 9 a.m. We'll rehearse a few simple pieces to sing at the 10 a.m. worship service. This is a great time to try choir on for size without making a large time commitment. Please email Kristi Treu at kristi@pcco.us to let her know you are coming.

Siena Francis House Donations Needed. Our PCOC young adult mission group will be spending a part of their mission weekend later in June at Siena Francis House (SFH), handing out water bottles and sunglasses to guests of the various SFH programs. Please consider taking part in our mission work by bringing water bottles and sunglasses to the church to donate to SFH. Over the next two weeks, drop water bottles and sunglasses donations in the collection boxes outside the office. Our young adult mission group will distribute them. Thank you for donating!

**Refugee Family Update.** FINALLY, our refugee family has arrived in Omaha! The family has spent over 3 years in the process of coming to the U.S. They left Syria and spent time in Lebanon which they said was not especially welcoming of the Syrians. While in Lebanon, they were able to appeal to the UN and begin the process of finding a new home in another country.

Our family of eight includes father, Ali, and his wife, Salwa, and children (five daughters and one son). Our committee mentors have met several times with the family and are becoming experts in Google translate - Arabic is not an easy language for us yet! The children, Rauaa (18), Raula (15), Assinat (12), Islam (10), Tasnim (8), and Moussa (5) have attended school in the past and look forward to going to school here and learning English. They share interests in sports including soccer and basketball, gardening, cycling, social media, photography, and drawing. Ali has worked as a painter, and he would like to do that again. He is interested in the restaurant business also. His goals are to be in a safe place, start the kids in education, and get a job and a car.

The family is working with the placement staff at LFS to find an apartment that will meet their needs. When this is accomplished, our committee is ready to move forward with getting them settled with all the wonderful items that the congregation collected for their household. This is such an exciting opportunity and a beautiful act of serving God's people as we help this family settle into a safe, productive, happy life in America.

**Pantry Sunday is June 18.** Food and hygiene item collection for the Heartland Hope Mission pantry continues. Bring your items to church on Sunday, June 18, or drop them inside the circle drive doors of the church by 4 p.m. each Wednesday. The most needed items are listed below.



Food Items: Hygiene Items:

Peanut Butter Baby Diapers (all sizes but biggest need is sizes

Canned Fruit 4-6)

Canned Corn Baby Wipes

Mac & Cheese Full-Size Shampoo and Body Wash

Cereal Toilet Paper Pasta & Pasta Sauce Toothpaste

**Book Group on June 21.** We will meet from 5:15 to 6:30 to discuss *Our Woman in Moscow* by Beatriz Williams. All readers are welcome! Questions? Contact June Fettig.

**Possible Trip with Ellen Smith.** Ellen Smith, our mission co-worker, cannot travel to Russia to visit our partner churches right now, so she is finding new partners in neighboring countries. In March, she took a group to Lithuania. This fall, Aug 25 - Sep 7, Ellen will take a group to visit Romania and Moldova. Ellen is holding an informational meeting on Tuesday, June 13 at 10 a.m. ET/9 a.m. CT/8 a.m. MT/7 a.m. PT to discuss the trip to Romania and Moldova. Participate in the Zoom meeting to learn more about this trip! Zoom Meeting ID: 921 6537 9504 Passcode: BURM

Save the Date for the BURM Network Conference in November. The next annual conference will be held in person in Omaha at Presbyterian Church of the Cross on Nov 2-4, 2023. The conference will include information about the region, partner updates, peacemaking, the BURM toolkit, and where we go from here. Please plan to join us as we take the next steps in our outreach and mission work in the Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia area. We'll have registration information available soon.

# PCOC Class, Fellowship, and Mission Sign Up Opportunities

Just scan the QR code to access our sign-up page, locate your event, and sign up!

**Young Adult Mission Weekend June 21-25, 2023.** Our young adults will be staying at Calvin Crest and venturing out for mission outreach throughout the metro area. Find the full itinerary online. Sign up NOW to attend!



**Volunteer at the ROC Ministries Fireworks Stand.** ROC will be hosting a fireworks tent this year as a fundraiser. Please consider signing up to volunteer at their tent June 25 through July 5. Sign up on the church website.

AllPlay Miracle Baseball League's Volunteers Needed Saturdays through June 24. You can help make game days great for these special needs kids as they have fun playing baseball. Over 125 volunteers are needed each game day. Volunteer positions include being a player buddy, greeting, serving concessions, announcing the game, serving as umpire, being a mascot, or setting up before/cleaning up after the games. Each shift is 2 hours. Sign up online to help this mission partner!

**PCOC GALS Event on Tuesday, June 20 from 6 to 8 p.m.** Women in the church are invited to join us for "Tempo of Twilight at Lauritzen Gardens" on Tuesday, June 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. The band, New Humans, will perform in the beautiful back garden at Lauritzen Gardens. Bring your own chair, beverage, and a light snack to share. Admission is free to Lauritzen Garden Members or \$15 + tax for nonmembers at the door. Learn more and sign up online!



**Volunteer with Completely Kids on Wednesday, June 21**. From 4-6 p.m., we will fill summer food bags at Completely Kids and distribute them to families in their programs as they drive up. Join our PCOC volunteer group! We need 10-20 volunteers. Completely Kids is located at 2566 St. Mary's Avenue. We will meet there shortly before 4 p.m. Learn more and sign up online! Questions? Contact Gayle Kerr-McFadden at gayle@pcoc.us.

**Art Camp with Sue Thomas July 11-14 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Gathering Space**For children 1st - 5th grade (completed)
Cost is \$25 for materials/child







## Save the date for these summer events . . .

**July 2** – Rev. Christine Dempsey's last day with PCOC. Watch your U.S. mail for the invite to a brunch in her honor following worship that day.

July 30 – All-Church Potluck after worship

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