



# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, June 18, 2023

10:00 a.m.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**PRELUDE**

Variations on "Wondrous Love"

Samuel Barber

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

### SILENT MEDITATION

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much he had learned in 7 years." Mark Twain

"How far you go in life depends on you being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because, someday in life, you will have been all these." George Washington Carver

### CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 100

Let all creation sing with gladness;

**Make a joyful noise to the Creator!**

Come and abide with the One who formed us;

**Make a joyful noise to the Creator!**

Give thanks, and praise, and bless God's name;

**Make a joyful noise to God!**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

**\*OPENING HYMN #233**

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

(\*Please stand, if you are able.)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, We learn today that the harvest is plenty but the workers are few. We know that you have called us to be workers, and yet we often fail to follow through on that work. Instead of responding to your call to help those in need, we choose to be idle. Have mercy on us and help us embrace the call that you have made on us so that we can be a blessing to others.

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### KYRIE ELEISON

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI (#581)

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -  
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

The musical notation is in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MOMENT FOR MISSION

Laura Armas, for Completely Kids

### COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUNG ADULTS MISSION TRIP

### HYMN #767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 19: 1-9

page 57 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

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. James Mulholland

# PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9: 35 – 10:8

page 790 of the pew Bible

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Keeping the Kingdom Near”

Dr. Ziemann

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith (PCUSA, 2010)*

*Chapter Eight – the Christian Mission*

We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs for praise are never for ourselves alone. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining in God's work. We find guidance in God's deeds in the past and promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

\*SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

SANCTUS (Schubert)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, \_\_\_\_\_  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, \_\_\_\_\_  
heav - en and earth are full, \_\_\_\_\_ full \_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Shine On Me”

arr. Rollo Dilworth

\* DOXOLOGY (#609)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Liberating God, use these gifts to transform the world, to bring about your justice, peace and reconciliation for all creation. Transform us as we offer them, to be partners of your beloved kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION**

Opening Prayer  
Call for Quorum  
Motion and Vote

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #546**      Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing      SICILIAN MARINERS

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      "Amen"      Peter Lutkin

**POSTLUDE**      "Voluntary"      Seth Bingham

## **SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

**Music**      Summer Choir, Kristi Treu, Director; Ken Crilly, guest organist

**Ushers**      Richard & Trudy Meyer, Tim & Brenda Graumann, Lowell Wilhite

**Greeters**      North Door: Tim & Kris Goodman      South Door: Alta Empey

**Information Center**      Stephanie Weaver

**Childcare Ministry**      Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher

**Coffee Hosts**      Anne Wattles & Anna Flairy

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**Note:** As the church searches to fill our Organist/Accompanist job opening, you will see guest organists from time to time on Sundays.



# Announcements

For the week of June 18, 2023

## The Week at a Glance

### Sunday, June 18

Pantry Sunday

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream  
Young Adult Commissioning

11:00 Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary  
followed by coffee fellowship in  
Fellowship Hall

### Monday, June 19

10:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Deacons Meeting

### Tuesday, June 20

7:00 Men's Bible Study

9:30 Staff Meeting

1:00 Afternoon Bible Study

2:00 Active Minds

5:30 Finance Committee (online meeting)

6:00 GALS at Lauritzen Gardens

### Wednesday, June 21

10:00 OAC Meeting

4:00 Volunteer at Completely Kids until 6

5:15 Book Group

### Thursday, June 22

YA Mission Trip through Sunday

10:00 Tai Chi

### Sunday, June 25

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream  
SHF Mission Trip Commissioning

11:00 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

**Congregational Meeting Today.** The Session has called a congregational meeting for today, Sunday, June 18, near 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.

**Joys and Concerns.** Happy Father's Day to all the dads, grandpas, and father figures in the congregation! The flowers in the chancel this week are given by Curt Field and Launie Lambert in honor of their 18th anniversary and by Belinda and Carl Greiner in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Darrell Stuedemann is recovering from surgery for broken ribs. Please keep our JHF mission trip in prayer as they return home today and keep our young adult mission trip in prayer as they begin their work later this week.

**Minute for Mission Today.** Our speaker is Laura Armas from Completely Kids. Laura runs their weekend food program and will share information about its impact on local kids and families. Keep reading to learn about our PCOC volunteer opportunity with this mission partner on June 21.

**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 program as they drive up. We need 10-20 volunteers. Completely Kids is located at 2566 St. Mary's Avenue. We will meet there shortly before 4 p.m. Sign up online on the church website!

**Today Is Pantry Sunday!** If you forgot to bring your food and hygiene donations with you today, you can drop them off just inside the Circle Drive doors anytime the church is open.

**Youth Choir Festival Is Cancelled.** We didn't have the number of singers needed to make our annual youth choir festival successful. Paid registration fee refunds will be sent in the mail.

**Join Alleluia Singers for Summer Choir Sundays!** If you missed out on being part of the summer choir today, you have two more opportunities: 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](mailto:kristi@pcco.us) to let her know you are coming.



**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.

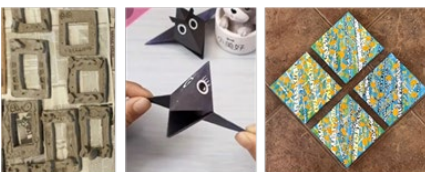
**Siena Francis House Donations Needed.** Our PCOC young adult mission group will be at Siena Francis House (SFH), handing out reusable water bottles and sunglasses to guests of the various SFH programs. Please consider donating these items to the church – they do not need to be new! Place donations in the collection boxes outside the office by Thursday morning this week. Our young adult mission group will distribute them.

**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. They need volunteers at their tent June 25 through July 5. Sign up online 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!



**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

**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 need greeters in July and August. Sign up online or at the Information Desk

**Did you see a mission, fellowship, or educational opportunity that you'd like to sign up for????**

**We've made it easy to sign up online!**

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



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