

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Fanfare and Aria on Picardy"

Albert Zabel

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

SILENT MEDITATION

In truth, doing does not determine being; rather, being determines doing. It is only after we have a firm understanding of who we are that we know what to do with life. *Craig Barnes, President Princeton Theological Seminary*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ben Fritz, Logan Voss, Christian Fritz, Maddie Grady

(from Psalm 86)

We lift up our souls to you, O God For God, you are good. We pray to you in supplication For God, you will answer our prayers. We cry out to you God For God, we trust in your forgiveness. We call on you, O God For God, we know that you will answer us.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

***OPENING HYMN #12** (*Please stand, if you are able.)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST.DENIO

Alena Bennett

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who forgives, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you giving us the courage and the strength to be reconciled to others. God, we pray for this along with silent prayers that we silently put before you now.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sarah Gerot



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Jeanne Smay and Paula Allen for our Refugee Family Resettlement Ministry

ANTHEM "Prelude and Fugue in B Major" J.S. Bach RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Amy Boesen, Co-Moderator of the Membership Committee Sofina Kebeh Anne Laws Agustina Magali Lopez Judy Meyer

HYMN #822When We Are LivingVILLE DU HAVRE

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

"Andante"

Fredrich Burgmüller

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READIN	IG Matthew 10:24-39	page 791 of the pew Bible
	This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	

SERMON	"Belonging to Christ"	Rev. Dempsey
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from PCUSA Book of Order	Piper Smith

The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

"Holy, Holy, Holy" *SANCTUS SANCTUS (Schubert) - lv, ly, Ho ho ho ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, ly, ho ly, ho ly Lord, God might, ho of pow'r and en and earth full, full Hoof your glo heav are ry. the high high san - na in est, ho - san na in the est.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY	"Berceuse Op. 2"	Dora Pejačevic
Praise God, from w	Praise God, from Whom All Blessing vhom all blessings flow. Praise God, a Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Crea Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, a	all creatures high and low. ator, Word, and Spirit one.
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Ella Moore
COMMISSIONING OF SENIO	OR HIGH MISSION TRIP	Christine and Libby Whitlow
*HYMN OF DEDICATION #73	8 O Master, Let Me Walk with	n Thee MARYTON
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTIO	N	
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Go now in peace. Ne - ver be Stead-strong and true. Know God Reach out to oth-ers so all the wo faith, and in love.—		in love, and show you be-lieve.
POSTLUDE	"Prelude in Classic Style"	Gordon Young

Announcements

For the week of June 25, 2023

The Week at a Glance

PRESBYTERIAN Church of the Cross

Sunday, June 25 10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream SHF Mission Trip Commissioning 11.00Coffee fellowship Monday, June 26 SHF Mission trip departs/returns July 1 10.00Tai Chi 5:30 Personnel Committee Meeting 6:30 Session Meeting Tuesday, June 27 9:30 Staff Meeting 2:00Active Minds Thursday, June 29 10:00 Tai Chi Sunday, July 2 10.00Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream 11:00 Farewell Celebration/Brunch for Rev. Christine Dempsey Monday, July 3 & Tuesday, July 4 Office Closed for the 4th of July holiday 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.** We have the joy of welcoming new members to PCOC during worship today. Be sure to say hello after the service. You can read more about these new members in the next issue of *Cross Currents*, which will reach your mailboxes sometime this week.

Our Young Adult mission trip is returning home today, and you will see them assisting with the worship service. They had a great extended weekend of serving many different charities in the metro area.

The flowers in the chancel today are given by Mike Howland & Linda Matson in honor of their 36th anniversary and by Rodney & Cheryl Whorlow in honor of their 56th anniversary. Best wishes to both couples!

Today, we will commission our SHF mission trip. Be sure to keep them in prayer as they head to Stronghold Camp in Oregon, Illinois for a week of service, fellowship, and fun.

We're Still Hiring! You will continue to see guest organists each Sunday as we search to fill our organist/accompanist job opening. If you know someone who is the right person for this job, please share this information! Find the full job description on the church website.

Moldova/Romania Trip with Ellen Smith. In late August/early September, Ellen Smith will be leading a trip to Moldova and Romania to explore new mission partnership opportunities. If you are interested in participating in this trip, contact Karen Morey or Jean Waters. The group is hoping to finalize travel plans and buy plane tickets next week.

July 2 Celebration for Rev. Christine Dempsey. Rev. Christine Dempsey is answering a new call as Pastor of Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. She will be greatly missed at PCOC! Please join us for a farewell celebration in her honor. Cards are welcome! If you have not yet RSVP'ed, please do so by returning your reservation form (received earlier this month by mail). It will help us to prepare the right amount of food.

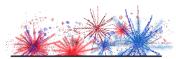


Join Alleluia Singers for Summer Choir Sundays. Wow, we had a fantastic turnout for our first Summer Choir on June 18! We have two more opportunities for you to sing with us for Summer Choir: July 16 and August 13. Come to the choir rehearsal room at 9 a.m. We'll rehearse a few simple pieces to sing 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.

Thank You Note. Claudine and Grant Myers were long-time seasonal visitors between Omaha and Alabama before permanently moving to Alabama. Grant passed away last year, and Claudine has been in the hospital. She would like to let the congregation know how very much she appreciates the cards and prayers.

Summer Ushers Needed. Looking for a way to serve the church? Sign up to usher on a Sunday that works for you! We are looking for ushers for our 10 a.m. services through September 3. No experience needed! Families are welcome to sign up. We will send emails to all who sign up with directions on usher duties. Sign up online!

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.



We're Looking for Sunday Greeters! Just choose your preferred service and door. The greeting locations are at the North Door at the bottom of the stairs by Fellowship Hall or at the South Door by the Sanctuary.

Looking for ideas to celebrate the 4th? We have a great one, and you will be helping one of our mission partners at the same time! Voices for Children will be the featured non-profit at the Storm Chasers baseball game on July 3 at Werner Park. After the game, enjoy a spectacular post-game fireworks show. Check the Omaha Storm Chasers website for ticket availability.

Tai Chi Updates. Tai Chi will continue this summer on Mondays and Thursday at 10 a.m. on the lower level. Please note that we will not meet on July 3, 6, and 10. Questions? Contact Paula Allen.

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music	Marissa Mathia, piano; Mark Kanitz, organ As the church searches to fill our Organist/Accompanist job opening, you will see guest organists from time to time on Sundays.		
Liturgists	Young Adult Mission Team		
Ushers	Darold Bauer, Mimi Bauer, John Morey, Mike Shannon, Sherryl Shannon		
Greeters	North Door: Barb Haar-Rightmyer	South Door: Inga Wagner	
Information Center	Kris Goodman		
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher		
Coffee Hosts	Kathy Nickel		

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