



# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, July 16, 2023

10:00 a.m.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Sonata No. 1"

Charles Ore

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

### SILENT MEDITATION

"When someone is broken, don't try to fix them. (You can't.) When someone is hurting, don't attempt to take away their pain. (You can't.) Instead, love them by walking beside them in the hurt. (You can.) Because sometimes what people need is simply to know they aren't alone."

- Jenny Albers, as quoted in 'Our Daily Bread'

CALL TO WORSHIP

from

Psalms

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O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

**You know the paths we choose to travel; you know when we lie down to rest.**

You discern what we are thinking from far away.

**You are well acquainted with all our ways.**

Even before we speak, you know what we will say.

**You go in front of us and behind us.**

It is almost too much to comprehend, O Lord,

**For you know us and accompany us completely.**

**Let us worship the Lord our God, who is always with us, and is with us now!**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

\*OPENING HYMN #365

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

MARION

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

God reigns! Let earth rejoice! Let oceans shout God's might!  
Borne up by truth and righteousness, God's throne is our delight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

God's fire ignites the clouds with judgment swift and just;  
The evil find their deeds in vain; God's foes are brought to dust.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

False idols rise to claim the weakness of our pride,  
but cannot touch the faithful ones, for God stands at our side.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

The radiance of God's light beams joy into our days;  
now filled with God's own peace and love, our hearts resound with praise.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We turn to you in repentance to ask your forgiveness. Thank you for never giving up on us. Make us people who desire your will to be done in our lives, and continue your work in us, so that when others look at us, they would see Jesus. Hear this, our prayer, and hear us now as we pray in silence.

### 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.

## 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.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A MOMENT FOR THE PRESBYTERY

Pam Otto, for the Commission on Ministry

A Sower came from ancient hills and cast good seed abroad:  
 his field, ten thousand human hearts; his seed, the word of God.  
 And some who listened would not hear, and some who heard forgot.  
 But some received in fertile soil the truth the Sower taught.

A Sower walked throughout the land and, everywhere he trod,  
 he sowed his life because he was himself the Seed of God.  
 But then, atop a barren hill, beneath a darkening sky,  
 they threw God's Seed on stony ground and left it there to die.

The Seed was buried deep in death beneath a blood-red sky,  
 and deeper still was buried hope for those who watched him die.  
 But then, in Joseph's garden fair, as dawn broke o'er the land,  
 the Seed, from three days' silent sleep, awoke at God's command!

O Christ, you come among us still, the Sower and the Seed.  
 As once you sowed the truth of God in glowing word and deed,  
 Implant your Word in waiting hearts, and let it there take hold,  
 until it bears in fruitful lives a harvest hundredfold.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55: 10-13

page 598 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

"Christ Ever with Me"

Michael Cox

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

page 794 of the pew Bible

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

"Your 100-fold Harvest"

Dr. Zieman

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the PC(USA) *Declaration of Faith*

We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We acknowledge no other God. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. We praise and enjoy God. To worship God is our highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom. Amen.

**\*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**

“What a Fellowship”

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

**\* 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**

Gracious God, thank you for these gifts given this day and for the many gifts of our lives. May they be used ever and only to glorify you. Amen.

**\*HYMN #816**

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.  
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully.  
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.  
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

Peter Lutkin

### POSTLUDE

“Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr”  
*(From my heart I hold you dear, o Lord)*

Johann Ludwig Krebs

## SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

### Liturgist

Amy Boesen, elder on Session

### Music

Summer Choir; Mark Kanitz, piano and organ

### Ushers

Richard & Trudy Meyer, Tim & Brenda Graumann, and Sharon Igel

### Greeters

North Door: Holly Baddley

South Door: Irene Astleford

### Information Center

Karen Saunders

### Childcare Ministry

Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher

### Coffee Host

Becky Zieman

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## Your “100-fold Harvest” checklist:

1. How open and responsive are you, really, to God's instructions?
2. What are you doing to develop a deeper root system for your faith?
3. How are you dealing with distracting thorns in your life?
4. What will I begin to do today so that God may yield a harvest in my life tomorrow?



# Announcements

For the week of July 16, 2023

## The Week at a Glance

### Sunday, July 16

Pantry Sunday

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream

11:00 Coffee Fellowship

### Monday, July 17

10:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Deacons Meeting

### Tuesday, July 18

7:00 Men's Bible Study

9:30 Staff Meeting

1:00 Tuesday Bible Study

5:30 Finance Meeting

### Wednesday, July 19

10:00 OAC Meeting

5:15 Book Group

### Thursday, July 20

10:00 Tai Chi

### Friday, July 21

*Cross Currents* Deadline

### Sunday, July 23

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream

11:00 Coffee Fellowship and JHF & SHF  
Slideshow

### 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

**Pantry Sunday is TODAY.** If you didn't bring your food and hygiene donations to church with you today, you can drop them inside the circle drive doors anytime!

**Book Group on Wednesday, July 19.** The PCOC Book Group will meet for their annual planning session from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Each person may suggest up to three books for our next list. All suggested books must have Title, Author, a brief synopsis, and page count as well as fiction or non-fiction classification. From all the suggestions we receive, individuals will choose one book they think should be on the list to create our reading list for next year. Questions? Contact June Fettig.

**49ers on August 1.** The Omaha Community Playhouse (OCP), the nation's largest community theater, has just embarked on its 99<sup>th</sup> season!!! Learn more about OCP and the new season from their Executive Director, Katie Broman. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place) in the Garden Room - our own SPECIAL place. We order from a special menu. Everyone is welcome, whether you are 49, younger or older, come join us! For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Sign up at the Information Center desk.



**What's Next in Our Search for a New Associate Pastor?** Plan to join us after worship for a Lunch & Learn on Sunday, July 30 to hear more about our next steps. A box lunch will be provided, so we can quickly serve everyone and start our discussion. Sign up at the Information Desk or online, so we have the right number of lunches.

**JHF and SHF Mission Trip Slideshows on July 23.** Join us for coffee fellowship and our mission trip slideshows at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall next Sunday. All are invited to attend. Come and see how hard our youth worked and played on their trips.

**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!

**School Supply Collection Continues in July.** School supplies will be collected throughout the month of July to benefit our OPS mission partner schools: Integrated Learning Program (ILP), Walnut Hill, Bancroft, and Sherman elementary schools. For 2023, we've set a goal of 125 backpacks in addition to all the traditional school supplies. Collection boxes are at the circle drive doors and in the Narthex.



**Join Alleluia Singers for Summer Choir Sundays.** If you missed singing with the Summer Choir today, you have one more chance on 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@pcoc.us](mailto:kristi@pcoc.us) to let her know you are coming.

**Attention Entertainers!** Serve your party or group in style with glass Hostess Sets (on display at the Information Desk). The Presbyterian Women are offering them Free of Charge! Contact Cindy Nisley.

**Cross Currents Newsletter Deadline is July 21.** If you have information for the August issue of the *Cross Currents*, please email it to [gayle@pcoc.us](mailto:gayle@pcoc.us) by Friday, July 21. Sorry, anything received after this date won't be included.

**Did you see something you'd like to sign up for?** We've made it easy to sign up online! Just scan the QR code below to access our sign-up page, locate your event, and complete the online sign-up form!



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