



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, July 30, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Voluntary"

William Boyce

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other."
- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 105

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE #363**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION – HYMN 445

God, How Can We Forgive?

LEONI

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8: 26-39

page 919 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

“Beautiful Savior”

arr. David Angerman

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

page 795 of the pew Bible

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from The Confession of Belhar

We believe:

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
- that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;
- that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

***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**

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Alice Parker

*** 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, this offering is what we have to give you this day. Be it time, talent or treasure, we lift these gifts to you. It is through you that all things are made new, and we ask that you renew our spirit to continue sharing our gifts with the least of us. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #372**

O for a World

AZMON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

“Benedictus”

Craig Curry

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

David N. Johnson

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist

Jean Lynn, Moderator of the Personnel Committee

Music

Mixed Ensemble: Jayne Frederickson, Becky Zieman, Marietta Morhardt, Jean Lynn, Larry Frederickson, Scott Stalnaker, John Morey, Gary Lynn, Don Metzger; Annette White, organ

Ushers

Mike & Sherryl Shannon, Julie Buehler, Tim & Brenda Graumann

Greeters

North Door: Doug Larson

South Door: Ken & Cindy Nisley

Information Center

Nancy Koehler

Childcare Ministry

Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher

Coffee Hosts

No one! There will be bottled water with our boxed lunches today!

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Announcements

For the week of July 30, 2023

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 30

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
11:00 Lunch & Learn

Monday, July 31

10:00 Tai Chi

Tuesday, August 1

9:30 Staff Meeting
11:30 49ers
2:00 Active Minds
4:00 Congregational Life Meeting

Wednesday, August 2

10:00 OAC Meeting

Sunday, August 6

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
11:00 Coffee Fellowship

Summer Schedule Through September 10

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 & Concerns. Diane Wetuski's father, Ross Stebbins, passed away recently. Ross' funeral will be Friday, August 4, at 10:00 in the sanctuary, followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery, then lunch. Darrell Stuedemann and Carolyn Hansen continue in rehab. The following had surgery this week: Kim Banat, Cindy Nisley, Andrew Berry.

Lunch & Learn Today After Worship. Plan to join us 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 for the box lunch has closed, but you may still attend the meeting.

Tai Chi Updates. Tai Chi meets at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays on the lower level. Drop in anytime if you'd like to attend a class. Note, Tai Chi will not meet on Thursday, August 3 or Monday, August 7. Questions? Contact Paula Allen.

49ers on August 1. Our August speaker is Omaha Community Playhouse (OCP) Executive Director, Katie Broman. Come learn about the nation's largest community theater and their 99th season. 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 – whether you are 49, younger, or older – come join us! For questions, contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex.



Active Minds Returns August 1. This fellowship group meets on Tuesday afternoons in the lower level Great Room from 2-4 p.m. This month we will be playing Canasta, so if you have a Canasta Basket please bring it along. New players are always welcome. We have very patient teachers that can help you whenever your schedule allows you to attend. Questions? Contact Earlene Uhrig..

Music and Movement Exercise Classes Resume on Monday, August 7. Join us at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The group meets every Monday and Thursday to encourage and support each other while staying active and healthy. New people are welcome to join our Music and Movement ensemble any time! Questions? Contact Betty Baddley.

Sunday Greeters Needed. Just choose your preferred service and door (north door by Fellowship Hall or south door by Sanctuary). Sign up online or at the Information Desk.

Register for Tables for Eight Fall Session. The deadline for registration for the fall session (September, October, November and December) is August 10. New participants (couples or singles) are definitely welcome to join this fellowship opportunity. You can choose to be a “regular” or a “substitute.” Find questions and answers about “Tables for Eight” on the registration form, and the form is available at the Information Desk or on the church website. For the upcoming Fall Session, current “regular” members are automatically assigned to a new group and “substitutes” will remain on the list unless you notify Pam Otto. If you dropped out last session and want to return as a regular or substitute, please contact Pam by phone, text, or email. Sign up online by August 10!



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. Questions? Contact JayneFrederickson. Sign up online.

Let's Play Ball. The AllPlay Miracle Baseball League's fall season runs August 12 to September 16. 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, and 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!



Join Alleluia Singers for Summer Choir 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 to let her know you are coming.

Siena Francis House Dinner Servers Needed on August 13. Did you know that Siena Francis House provides nearly 400,000 meals each year? PCOC serves meals on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Our serving time is 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. Sign up online for one of the PCOC timeslots. Please sign in when you arrive for your signing shift. If you have questions, call or email Keith Allen.

Book Group August 16. Join us in from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 13 to review *Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher. All readers are welcome! Questions? Contact June Fettig.

Family Fun Day at Calvin Crest on August 19. You are invited to enjoy one of the last weekends of summer in the best way possible, by spending quality time with the people you love. Calvin Crest's Fun Day is perfect for families, friends, children, adults, community members and grandparents! The event offers activities for all ages including music, games, hikes, crafts, food and fellowship.

August 20 is Pantry Sunday. Bring your food and hygiene items to Sunday worship on the 3rd Sunday of the month, or drop them inside the circle drive doors at church anytime. The most needed items can be found on the church website.

Upcoming Agape Events. Find the details on the online sign up page of the church website. You can also join the Agape email list by visting our online sign up page.

- UNO Design the Redline Exhibit on Wednesday, August 23 at 2:00 p.m.
- United We Walk on Sunday, September 10 from 3-6 p.m. at Tri-Faith Commons.

PCOC GALS Event on August 25. Join the GALS for an evening of fellowship on Picnic Night at Soaring Wings Winery (17111 S 138th St, Springfield, NE 68059) on Friday, August 25 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Gates open at 6:00 p.m., and there is a \$5 cover charge. Bring a blanket, lawn chair, and picnic as we enjoy time together on their lawn with live music by the band Out Loud. The band plays a wide variety of music ranging from the 60's to current tunes. The winery does not allow outside alcohol on the property; however, they sell wine on the property. Check your email for the sign up via Sign Up Genius.

Fancy Fellowship & Welcome for Mark Kanitz on August 27. The Congregational Life Committee would like to invite everyone to enjoy an extended coffee fellowship time as well as welcome our new organist Mark Kanitz to PCOC. We ask that everyone bring goodies to share. Please have food cut and ready to serve.



SHF Car Wash Fundraiser on August 27. Bring your dirty cars to church on Sunday, August 27, and plan to stop by the car wash station in the north parking lot to have your car cleaned by the SHF group! The event begins immediately after worship and ends at 1:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds will go towards next year's mission trip. Thanks for your support!

Friday Night Gourmets Are Back on September 8. Friday Night Gourmets will be opening its 2023-2024 dining-out season on September 8 at Farmer Brown's, 2620 River Rd Dr., Waterloo NE (402-779-2353). We will be ordering off their party menu which includes steak/prime rib, chicken, and seafood. Social Hour is at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us for this September "Tradition" of great food, friends, and lively conversations. Check Information Desk for sign-up sheet and please sign up by Sunday, September 3. Hosts: Gene/Verta Pugh and Curt Field/Launie Lambert. Contact the hosts with any questions.

Register Now for Cornerstone and Fall Adult Education

Register Online for Cornerstone by September 1

The fall semester of Cornerstone begins on Wednesday, September 13.

- Bible Study for children in Preschool – 7th Grade and two classes for adults (details below)
- Confirmation Class for 8th Graders.
- Choir for children in 1st Grade – 7th Grade and Adults
- Dinner for all
- Register online by September 1.

God Saves a People

Led by Kirk Ryckman | Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | September 13 – November 15

The theme we will tackle this fall is "God Saves a People." There is no more central theme to our faith and our understanding of God's caring for us than this. And this theme of salvation moves from the Old Testament to the New and then the life of the early church. It will trace the saving grace of God from the Exodus, the wanderings, and the Kingdom's rise and fall, on to God's new act of salvation through Jesus, into the early church. Follow the sweep of the story and marvel at the mighty acts of God yet today! This is the heart of understanding our relationship to God. It is well worth the time to study. Please join us. Suggested book donation is \$20

Dementia

Led by Carl Greiner and Steven Wengel | Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | September 13, 20, 27

Dementia is an illness that can compromise memory, personality, and physical agility. The demographics of dementia are impressive: one in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's. Currently, there are six million American's living with Alzheimer's. It is anticipated that there will be 13 million by 2050. You have the opportunity to learn about this important disease. This course is designed for a general audience and will emphasize questions and answers.

It is not necessary to attend all the classes; each class has its own features. Attending the first class is particularly recommended.

- September 13: Alzheimer's and other problems of memory
- September 20: Preventive measures that you can take to reduce risk
- September 27: Challenges for caregivers

Sunday Morning Adult Education

We Are Americans

Led by Charlene Meyer & Earlene Uhrig | Sundays 9-10:30 a.m. | September 24 – November 5

PCOC members come from diverse personal backgrounds in both locations growing up and career strengths. We'll explore how our ancestral diversity, faith diversity, and geographic diversity influenced our individual choices to become members of our caring PCOC community.

Can we meet the challenge offered by a Matt Skinner commentary and shared in Marshall's May 28th sermon? Can we continue to grow as a beloved community that is united in purpose and identity? This seven-week adult course will have a unique timeframe, meeting from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. to allow necessary dialogue of the topics and still offer time for fellowship before attending the 11:10 a.m. service. Weekly video/reading homework required.

Albert Schweitzer – A Modern Saint

Led by Carl Greiner | Sundays at 10:00 a.m. | October 22, 29 and November 5, 12

Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) was an accomplished organist, writer, musician, physician, and missionary. This class will review his autobiography *Out of My Life and Thought* and address two basic questions: How did he put his faith into practice? How did he put his faith into reflection? Suggested book donation is \$15/book.

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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