



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, August 27, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Fanfare"

William Mathias

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"The God who made this world has blessed it with good things, yes – but all of them take working at: coconuts need to be cracked, soil needs to be tilled, mountains need to be climbed, water needs to be conserved. God does not do this for us. God simply companions us as we go. God has given us in this unfinished world a glimpse of eternity and walks with us through here to there."

Joan Chittister, from **Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made the heavens and the earth.

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

then the flood would have swept us away.

The God who saved Israel is still at work in the world,

hearing the cries of the afflicting and setting God's people free. Thanks be to God!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN #310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are always present and active amidst your people. We confess that sometimes we fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege, expect the tried and true, and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Behold, you are doing a new thing; help us to perceive it. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing, and hear us now as we pray to you in the silence of our hearts...

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

COMMISSIONING TO SERVE

COMMISSIONING OF PCOC MISSION TEAM TO MOLDOVA AND ROMANIA

Karen Morey and Anne Wattles

COMMISSIONING HYMN #767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

During the hymn, children are invited to come forward for our Time for Young Disciples

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12: 1-8

page 922 of the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

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

“Thy Holy Wings”

Swedish folk tune arr. John Ferguson

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16: 13-20

page 798 of the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Project and the Promise”

Dr. Richard C. Meyer, HR

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of Belhar, South Africa, 1986

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe ... that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;

in that we love one another;

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.

*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

“Be thou my vision”

Bob Chilcott

* 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**

Generous God, you are the source of all good gifts, and you are the one who taught us how to give. Receive our offering — an act of faith that even our small gifts have power and purpose in your world. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #81** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken AUSTRIAN HYMN

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace" Don Besig

Go now in peace. Ne - ver be a - fraid. God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day. Go now in faith,
 stead-strong and true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you be-lieve.
 Reach out to oth-ers so all the world can see. God will be there watch-ing from a - bove. Go now in peace, in
 faith, and in love. — A - men. — A - men. — A - men. —

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

- Liturgist** Brenda Graumann, elder on Session
- Music** Kristi Treu, soprano; Mark Kanitz, organ & piano
- Ushers** Bill Ritchie, Neal Hubbard, Charlotte Hubbard, Josh Murray, Jayne Frederickson
- Greeters** North Door: Barb Haar-Rightmyer, South Door: Doug Larson,
Welcome Center – Annie Wattles
- Information Center** Stephanie Weaver
- Childcare Ministry** Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher
- Coffee Host** Congregational Life

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Announcements

For the week of August 27, 2023

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 27

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
11:00 Fancy Fellowship/Welcome for Mark Kanitz
SHF Car Wash until 1 p.m.
Nominating Comm meets in Rm. 13

Monday, August 28

9 & 11 Music & Movement
6:30 Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 29

9:30 Staff Meeting
2:00 Active Minds
6:00 Cross Care Connections gathering

Wednesday, August 30

5:30 Chamber Singers
6:30 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, August 31

9 & 11 Music & Movement

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4 – Office Closed for Labor Day

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. The flowers in the chancel this week are given by Janet Wallace in loving memory of David Wallace. Judy Meyer had surgery Thursday. Gail Hille had surgery Thursday.

Fancy Fellowship & Welcome for Mark Kanitz Today. 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.

SHF Car Wash Fundraiser Today. 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!



Activity Updates. No Tai Chi on Aug 28, Aug. 31, and Sept. 4. No Music and Movement on Sept. 4.

Music Department Fall Kick-Off Party on September 4. All PCOC members who participate in a music activity at the church (choirs, bell choir, brass, children's choir, etc.) are invited to a fall kick-off party hosted by Kristi Treu in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up online by August 30. More details will be shared after you sign up!

49ers on September 5. Nick Salick, Development Officer/Nebraska Field Officer, will inform us about the Nature Conservancy and their mission to protect the lands and waters on which all life depends. In Nebraska they steward prairies, work with farmers to implement conservation practices, and protect the Platte River - the world's foremost stopover for sandhill cranes. Join us to hear about the exciting work they are doing in our state. We meet at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). For reservation or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Sign up at the Information Center.

Active Minds. We're still playing Canasta for this month, but Active Minds will switch to North Dakota Whist in September. Join us when your schedule allows on Tuesdays, lower level, 2-4 p.m. New members and friends are always welcome. Questions? Contact Earlene Uhrig.

Presbyterian Women Return on September 7. The Morning Circle will begin a new study Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts. Luke provides a perspective on the person and works of Jesus Christ with the scope of His message and inclusivity of God's love and salvation. In Acts, the apostles

with the Holy Spirit continue this mission of mercy and compassion. Lessons invite today's church to take caring beyond our congregation to inclusion in our communities of faith. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Room 15. Questions? Contact Cindy Nisley.

Friday Night Gourmets Returns on September 8. Join us 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. Sign up at the Information Desk by Sunday, September 3. Contact hosts Gene/Verta Pugh or Curt Field/Launie Lambert with questions.

Upcoming Agape Events. United We Walk on Sunday, September 10 from 3-6 p.m. at Tri-Faith Commons. Fort Omaha Intertribal Powwow on September 23 from 1-7 p.m. Find the details on the sign up page of the church website.

Time to Play Ball. The AllPlay Miracle Baseball League's fall season runs August 12 – 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 many different positions are available. Each shift is 2 hours. Please sign up online to help this PCOC mission partner!

New Season Begins - Free Vesper Concert on September 8. Vesper Concerts kicks off its milestone 35th season with its first free concert on Friday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The duo of violinist Cristian Fatu and guitarist Beau Bledsoe present a concert titled "World View," a program featuring musical styles from around the world, from classical to tango. Fatu is recognized as one of today's most exciting young violinists and has won prizes in more than twenty-five national and international violin competitions around the world. Bledsoe performs and records classical music, jazz and folkloric music, especially the music of Spain and Portugal.



Presbyterian Men September Projects at Calvin Crest. The Presbyterian Men of PCOC will have a project workday at Camp Calvin Crest on Friday, September 8 and/or Saturday, September 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our projects include replacing deck boards on the GaGa Ball Court and finishing a couple cabin decks. We will carpool (more details later) and have a no-cost lunch. Please sign up at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Coordinator Jon Boomgaarden.

We're Hiring Church Support Staff

The church is looking to fill the following openings in the near future. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Rock in the church office.

Administrative Assistant (part time)

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but open to flexible schedule based on needs

Responsibilities: Answer the phone/greet visitors in the office and point inquiries to the right staff person; print weekly bulletin, funeral programs as needed, and monthly *Cross Currents*; maintain the church calendar; update the membership database; and other general administrative work as needed.

Communications Coordinator (part time)

Hours: 20 hours per week/some flexibility with days; Tuesday mornings and Sunday mornings required

Responsibilities: Write and send congregational email every Friday; create the announcements section in the Sunday bulletin; maintain church website/update content weekly; compile, design, and edit *Cross Currents* each month; create online sign-up forms; create advertisements for church online signage (TVs)/update weekly; create and stage the Sunday morning service livestream/coordinate who will run; and maintain church Facebook page.

Software skills needed: WordPress, Microsoft Office suite (including Publisher), Mvix, OBS, Vimeo, and Cognito forms (WordPress/Office knowledge required; training for other software will be provided)

Livestream Team Members

Hours: Sunday mornings 1-2 hours

Each Sunday, we need two individuals, one to operate the cameras/livestream and one to operate the microphones. These positions include compensation. Ideally, members will share these tasks in a team atmosphere, so you are not working every Sunday. Training will be provided!

- Livestream responsibilities: operating the cameras and the livestream during the service
- Microphone responsibilities: using a tablet to control microphones during the service

Register Now for Cornerstone and Fall Adult Education

Cornerstone - Register Online by September 1

The fall semester of Cornerstone begins on Wednesday, September 13. **Register online by September 1.**

- 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

Confirmation

Led by Marshall Zieman | Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | beginning September 13

Contact Heather if you haven't yet signed up your 8th Grader.

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. If you plan to eat dinner before class, please also sign up for Cornerstone.

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. If you plan to eat dinner before class, please also sign up for Cornerstone.

Note: Some members would like to attend both classes, and we are sorry for the conflicting time schedules. As a result, we will record the Dementia class and make it available for online viewing, so everyone has access.

Sunday Morning Adult Education this Fall

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.

Tuesday Bible Studies with Dr. Zieman

Led by Marshall Zieman | Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. (Men) & 1:00pm (Everybody) | Begins September 12

This fall, both Bible Studies will begin a study of the Old Testament Book of Exodus. New members are always welcome to join. Just bring your favorite Bible and come prepared to learn and discuss together. The classes are casual and discussion-oriented. A Zoom option is also offered at 1:00.



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 (left) to access our sign-up page, locate your event, and complete the online sign-up form!

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