



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, August 6, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

Dale Wood

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy."

- American Trappist Monk Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Sing Out"

Jack Kunz

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Matthew 14:16-17, 20

God willingly satisfies our greatest needs

when we bring what little we have.

Let us love our neighbor as ourself

joining in God's miracle-working power. Let us worship God!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN #645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to love our neighbor as ourself, ensuring that all will be fed and have dignity. But in our own distractions, we are blinded by our selfish desires. We are sick and have turned away those who are hungry and crying out for your help. We have forgotten to trust you with our little, to multiply it with your great power. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your abundance and grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

"Lord, Have Mercy"

Schubert

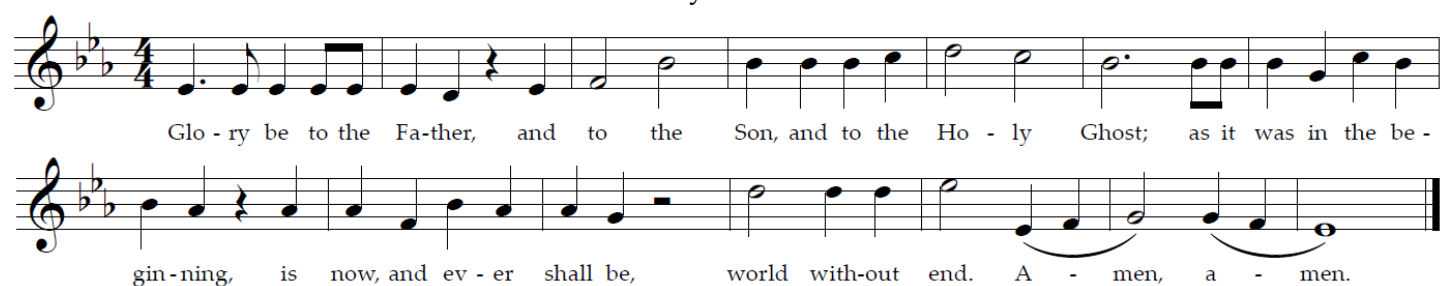


Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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*The children may come forward with their backpacks during the greeting time.***TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

The Blessing of the Backpacks

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Peggy Davis, Board Member of ROC Ministries, Ashland

HYMN #767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55: 1-5

page 598 of the pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Alleluia Incantation"

Andrew Miller

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

"Panis Angelicus"

C. Franck; arr. Ross and Groban

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14: 13-21

page 796 of the pew Bible

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Answer to Somebody's Prayer"

Dr. Zieman

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1991)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***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 Love You, Lord"

Laurie Klein

*** 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**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

***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

“Allegro”

John Ireland

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist	Mary Ott, elder on Session
Music	Tangier Shriners Chanters, Chris Work, director; Kristi Treu, piano; Annette White, organ
Ushers	Rick & Sheri Sessions, Julie Buehler, Kathy Moore
Greeters	North Door: Doug Larson South Door: Bidong Tot
Information Center	Kathy Nickel
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher
Coffee Hosts	Belinda Greiner

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Announcements

For the week of August 6, 2023

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 6

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
11:00 Coffee Fellowship
Area K Fellowship with Deacon Betsy
Conway in Room 13

Monday, August 7

9 & 11 Music & Movement
6:30 B&G Meeting
6:30 Worship & Music Meeting

Tuesday, August 8

9-2 p.m. Staff off-site planning session/Office Closed
2:00 Active Minds
5:30 Membership Committee Meeting (Zoom)
6:30 Mission Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 10

9 & 11 Music & Movement
10:00 Tai Chi

Sunday, August 13

10:00 Worship in Sanctuary with Communion/
Livestream
11:00 Coffee Fellowship
11:00 Caring & Sharing Day at Don & Millie's
until 3 p.m.
4:15 Serve dinner at Siena Francis House

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. Congratulations to Kim and Chase Spencer on the birth of their son, Graham Matthew, on July 16. Big sisters are Rylee and Dylan. Congratulations are also in order for Dan and Molly Florent on the birth of their second daughter, Audrey Amelia, born on July 14, joining big sister Lena. Also, Marshall and Becky Ziemann announce the birth of their new granddaughter, Piper Layne, born on July 30 to Ben and Rachel Ziemann in Dallas.

The following folks have either been in the hospital or in rehab: Doug Rathman, Bob Reid, Carol Hale, Darrell Stuedemann, and Carolyn Hansen.

Blessing of the Backpacks. All children and youth are invited to receive a special blessing for the new school year. Keep your backpacks with you until Marshall calls you forward during the service. You'll receive a fun keychain to attach to your backpack to remind you that Jesus is always with you. If you forgot your backpack today, that's OK – you can take a keychain home with you for your backpack.

Tai Chi Updates. Tai Chi will not meet on Monday, August 7. Questions? Contact Paula Allen.

Just a Few More Summer Ushers Needed. 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 Jayne Frederickson. Sign up online.

Music and Movement is Back 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.

Volunteer for AllPlay. The AllPlay Miracle Baseball League's fall season runs August 12 to September 16. It takes 125 volunteers to make game days great for these special needs players. You can be a player buddy, greeter, serve concessions, announce the game, be an umpire, be a mascot, or set up before/clean up after the games. Shifts are 2 hours. Sign up online to help!

Thank You Note. Dear Church Family, My family and I would like to thank you for your caring concern following Ron's passing. Your support through this difficult time was much appreciated. Of course, we want to extend a special thank you to Marshall and Christine for their care and meaningful contributions to Ron's Celebration of Life Service.

With grateful hearts, Donna Mau and family

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!

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.

Greeters Needed. Your smiling face is needed to greet on Sunday mornings. 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.

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 visiting 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 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.

Presbyterian Men's Annual Storm Chasers Baseball Game on August 24. You're invited to join us for fellowship and fun on "Thirsty" Thursday on August 24 at 7:05 p.m. for the Omaha Storm Chasers vs. St. Paul Saints at Werner Park. The cost is \$11.00 per ticket. Sign up and pay at the Information Desk in the Narthex. Questions? Bruce Cramer.

Livestream Team Members Needed on Sunday Mornings. Tasks include preparing graphics and slides prior to Sunday and operating the livestream during a Sunday worship service. Each Sunday the service needs two individuals, one to operate the cameras 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. Please contact Rock in the office for more details.

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 for lunch 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.

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.

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

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.

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



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