



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, September 10, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

John Stanley

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"Jesus said his Father's House has many rooms. In this metaphor I like to imagine the Presbyterians hanging out in the library, the Baptists running the kitchen, the Anglicans setting the table, the Anabaptists washing feet with the hose in the backyard, the Lutherans making liturgy for the laundry, the Methodists stocking the fire in the hearth, the Catholics keeping the family history, the Pentecostals throwing open all the windows and doors to let more people in."

Rachel Held Evans, *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"This Is the Day"

Jacobus Gallus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

This day is God's gift to us.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has graciously gathered us together in this place.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God is good and faithful. God is our worthy of our praise. Let us worship God together!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN #611

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

arr. James Biery

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory, yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us become.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON (#551)

“Lord, Have Mercy”

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

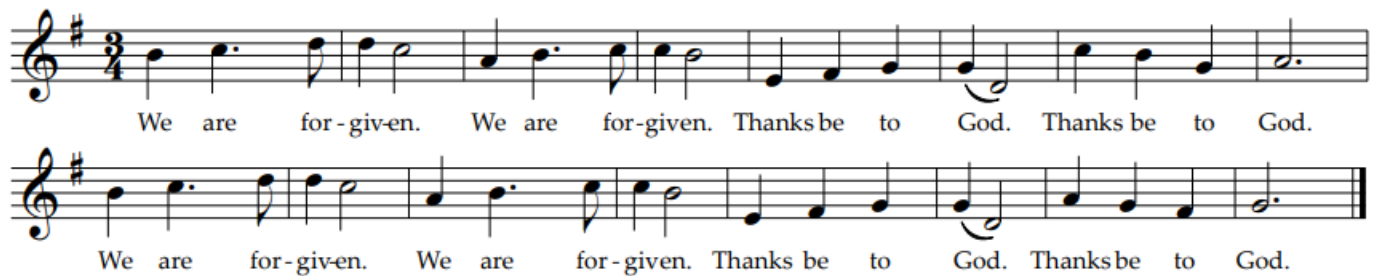
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#447)

“We Are Forgiven”

WE ARE FORGIVEN



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "We Are Forgiven". The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "We are for-giv-en. We are for-giv-en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

WELCOME AND GREETING

During the greeting time, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

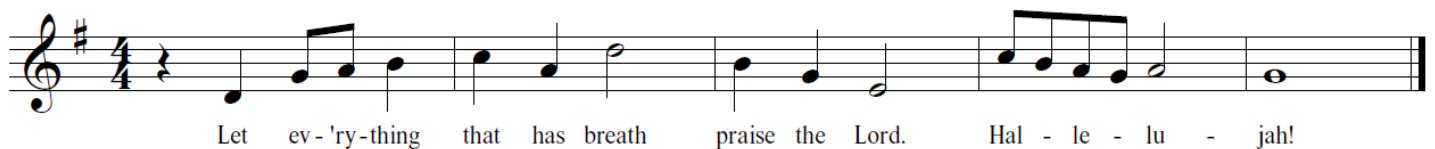
ANTHEM

“Psalm 150”

Paul D. Weber

Please join the choir on the refrain.

Refrain:



The image shows a single staff of musical notation for the anthem refrain. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "Let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!" The staff ends with a double bar line.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 86: 11-17

page 474 of the pew Bible

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“Locus Iste”

Anton Bruckner

“This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament. It is without reproach.”

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13: 8-14

page 923 of the pew Bible

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Living Debt-Free"

Dr. Zieman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

*SANCTUS (#572)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

(Pavlechko)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na
in the high-est. — Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"O How Amiable"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

* DOXOLOGY (#607)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, with faith and hope we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Prelude '49th Parallel'"

Ralph Vaughan Williams; arr. Kanitz

THE DEDICATION OF THE WELCOME CENTER

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

I was glad when they said unto me,

Psalm 122:1

Let us go to the house of the Lord!

O taste and see that the LORD is good;

Psalm 34: 8

happy are those who find refuge in God.

O Lord, our Lord,

Psalm 8: 9

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

RECOGNITIONS

Leo A. Daly Architects

Doug Peters

MCL Construction

Spencer Smith

Building Design Committee

Mike Howland, Moderator, Amy Boesen, Curt Field,
Gary Lynn, Gary Marron, Lloyd Meyer, Marshall Zieman

Capital Campaign Committee

John Morey, Moderator, Rock Sumner

DEDICATION

Unless the Lord builds the house,

those who build it labor in vain.

Psalm 127: 1

Living Lord, we dedicate this new building to your glory,

even as we re-dedicate ourselves wholly to your service.

May all who enter these walls find peace and joy, comfort and solace, a home and a family.

May we find You in our midst, in the faces of strangers and friends.

DEDICATORY PRAYER

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Peter Lutkin



Announcements

For the week of September 10, 2023

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 10

- 10:00 Worship with Welcome Center Dedication
- 11:00 Ice Cream Sundaes after Dedication
- 11:00 Caring & Sharing Day at Don & Millie's until 3 p.m.
- 3:00 Agape at United We Walk
- 4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House

Monday, September 11

- 9:00 Music & Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 11:00 Music & Movement
- 6:00 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
- 6:30 B&G Meeting
- 6:30 CE Meeting

Tuesday, September 12

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study in Hearth Room
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study in Room 16
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 5:30 Membership Meeting
- 6:30 Mission Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 13 – Cornerstone Begins!

- 5:15 Children's Choir
- 5:50 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Dinner
- 6:30 Adult Education, Bible Study, and Confirmation Class
- 6:50 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, September 14

- 9:00 Music & Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 11:00 Music & Movement
- 6:30 SHF at Valley Drive In until 9:30

Friday, September 15

Cross Currents Deadline

Sunday, September 17

Pantry Sunday

- 9:00 Worship and Livestream
- 10:00 Children's/Youth Sunday School Begins
Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary
- 4:45 JHF at church

Joys & Concerns.

- The chancel flowers this week are given by Tim and Kris Goodman in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary on September 5.
- Anna Sumner had knee surgery this week.
- Kim Reid's mother, Janet Delahoy, passed away this week. Please keep Kim, Doug, and the whole Reid family in prayer this week.
- Congratulations to Sue Meusey and Betty Mack on the birth of granddaughter, Scarlett Magnolia Stemm, who was born on July 23, 2023 to Rich and Maddie Stemm and BIG sister Hazel (age 2). This is Sue's 13th grandchild and Betty's 15th great granddaughter!
- Congratulations to Jennifer and Josh Luth on the birth of their new daughter, Collins Nichole. Collins joins big brother Brooks at home. They are Toni Craig's Great Grandchildren.

Dedication and Ice Cream Sundaes!

At the end of the worship service, the congregation will move into the new Welcome Center for a brief dedication ceremony. Sorry, this will not be livestreamed because it is outside of the Sanctuary. Afterwards, everyone is invited to enjoy ice cream sundaes in Fellowship Hall!



Don & Millie's Caring & Sharing TODAY. Need lunch after your ice cream sundaes? Stop by Don & Millie's at 108th & Center until 3 p.m. Tell them you're with PCOC, and 20% of your bill comes back to support the JHF mission trip.

Siena Francis House Servers Needed TODAY! We still have several spots open to serve dinner today from 4:15-6:15 at Siena Francis House. Please sign up online!

Join Agape at United We Walk TODAY! United We Walk is happening this afternoon from 3-6 p.m. at Tri-Faith Commons. Contact Kathy Moore if you have questions.

Tuesday Bible Studies Return on September 12. Join Dr. Marshall Zieman for a new study on the Book of Exodus. The Men's only group meets at 7 a.m. in the Hearth Room. The Afternoon group for all adults meets at 1 p.m. in Room 16 (new classroom in the Welcome Center addition). No need to sign up, just bring your favorite Bible. A Zoom option is available for the afternoon study.

Get Ready for Youth Groups! SHF will meet on Thursday, Sept. 14 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. to see a movie at the Valley Drive In. RSVP to Heather is required by today – September 10. JHF will meet on Sunday, September 17 to tie dye T-shirts and play games.

Cross Currents Deadline is Friday! If you have content for the October issue, please submit it to communications@pcoc.us by Friday, September 15.

Last Chance to Volunteer with AllPlay. The AllPlay Miracle Baseball League's fall season ends on September 16. You can help make this last game day 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!

HHM Volunteer Opportunity on September 23. On Saturday, September 23 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., we need 5 to 10 PCOC volunteers to help distribute pantry items, restock, and anything else they need us to do. Please contact John Bennett at john@hhm.org if interested in assisting with this event.

Agape Group to Powwow on September 23. The Fort Omaha Intertribal Powwow is happening on September 23 from 1-7 p.m. To join the Agape group going to the event, please sign up on the church website. Questions? Ask Earlene Uhrig.

Deacons Blood Drive on September 24. You can sign up today in the Narthex or online at redcrossblood.org/. Help us reach our goal of registering 25 donors! If you give blood this month, the Red Cross has partnered with Sports Clips in order to provide a chance to win a free haircut coupon! Find details on rcblood.org/racetogive.

Join an Usher Team! On September 17, we return to our two-service schedule, and our regular usher teams will be back in place for each service. The usher teams serve one Sunday per month, and we have a few openings. You may sign up to be a permanent member of a team, or you may sign up to usher on individual Sundays that work with your schedule. Please sign up online!

Greeters Needed! Smiling faces are needed this fall to welcome folks on Sunday morning. For each service, we have a greeter at the North Door and at the south door to the Welcome Center. Stop by the Information Desk to sign up for your preferred Sunday and door, or sign up online!

Donations for Maui. Funds are being collected for disaster relief for the Maui fire. Funds will be administered through PDA when rebuilding efforts begin. You can donate by check or give online. Indicate "Disaster Relief" as the memo/fund.

Cornerstone Begins This Wednesday - Register Online NOW!!!!

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

- Bible Study for children in Preschool – 7th Grade and two classes for adults (details follow)
- 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.

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



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 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 - 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.

Livestream Team Members (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.

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist	Keith Allen, Elder on Session
Music	Alleluia and Chamber Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ Brass Ensemble: Scott Quackenbush and Joel Edwards, trumpets; Ross Snyder, horn; Jason Stromquist, trombone; Alex Serwatowski, tuba; Jeff Nelson, percussion
Ushers	Gary Marron, Marsha Marron, Judy Sundberg, Inga Wagner, Tim Goodman
Greeters	North Door: Bob and Judy Thomas Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson
Information Center	Sue Jenkins
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher
Coffee Host	Congregational Life

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