



# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, September 17, 2023  
9:00 & 11:10 a.m.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

"Pastorale No. 1"

Christopher Uehlein

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

### SILENT MEDITATION

"In my struggle to find church, I've often felt that if I could just find the right denomination or the right congregation, if I could just become the right person or believe the right things, then my search would be over at last. But right's got nothing to do with it. Waiting around for right will leave you waiting around forever. The church is God saying: "I'm throwing a banquet, and all these mismatched, messed-up people are invited. Here, have some wine."

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

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (11:10)

"Sing Ye to the Lord"

Everett Titcomb

### CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 103: 1-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

**Bless God's holy name!**

God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

**Bless God's holy name!**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

### \*OPENING HYMN #619

Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

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

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationships, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**KYRIE ELEISON (#551)**

"Lord, Have Mercy"

LAND OF REST

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

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON****\*GLORIA PATRI (#447)**

"We Are Forgiven"

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are for-giv-en. We are for-given. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****HYMN #370**

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

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

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES****OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 50: 15-21

page 42 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**

"None Other Lamb" (9:00)

Paul Liljestrang

"The Choristers' Prayer" (11:10)

Jacob Dishman

**PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD****SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 18: 21-35

page xxx of the pew Bible

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

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from The Book of Common Worship

We believe there is no condemnation  
 for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
 for we know that all things work together for good  
 for those who love God,  
 who are called according to God’s purpose.  
 We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
 nor angels, nor rulers,  
 nor things present, nor things to come,  
 nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
 nor anything else in all creation,  
 will be able to separate us from the love of God  
 in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**\*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**

“Clear Water” (9:00)

Nadine Shanti

“When the Morning Stars Together” (11:10)

John Ferguson

**\* 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**

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, and in clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #264**

At the Name of Jesus

KING’S WESTON



# Announcements

## For the week of September 17, 2023

### The Week at a Glance

#### Sunday, September 17

##### Pantry Sunday

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

#### Monday, September 18

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement  
10:00 Tai Chi  
5:30 Investment Committee Meeting  
6:30 Deacons Meeting

#### Tuesday, September 19

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

#### Wednesday, September 20

- 5:15 Book Group  
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 21

- 9 & 11 Music & Movement  
10:00 Tai Chi  
6:00 Carillon Choir

#### Friday, September 22

- 11:00 Janet Rath funeral & lunch  
6:30 Voices for Children Gala

#### Sunday, September 24

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary  
"We Are Americans" in Room 15  
10:00 Children's/Youth Sunday School  
Coffee Fellowship  
11:10 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream  
4:45 JHF Fun & Games  
SHF Games - bring your dog!

**Joys & Concerns.** The chancel flowers this week are given by Joe and Stephanie Weaver in honor of grandson Harrison's 10th birthday. Congratulations to Rob & Kelsey Pirnie and brother Mason (2) in Kansas City on the birth of Parker Jo Pirnie on August 1. Grandparents are Lori & Mitch Pirnie. The mother of Adrian Hinz, Kathryn Hinz, passed away on September 5. Please keep Adrian, Camille, and the whole Hinz family in prayer.

**We Are Americans Begins Today.** 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. 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. **Note:** This class is not for drop-ins due to the homework and building of knowledge as we progress. Yes, you can miss a week, but it will be helpful to catch up on the videos and homework to understand all conversations. If you plan to attend, please sign up. Class size is limited to the first 20 people to register.

**Youth Groups Today.** SHF met on Thursday night and does not meet today. JHF meets at 4:45 to tie dye T-shirts & play games.

**Book Group on September 20.** Join us from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. In Room 13 to discuss *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. All readers are welcome! Questions? Contact June Fettig.

**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 Is Underway on Wednesdays!** We had a great first night this week. If you'd like to attend, please sign up online so we have the correct amount of food prepared.

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

**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, direct pantry drive-thru traffic, restock shelves, sort items, and anything else they need us to do. Please contact John Bennett if you are interested in assisting with this event.

**Deacons Blood Drive on September 24.** You can sign up today in the Narthex or online at [redcrossblood.org/](http://redcrossblood.org/). Help us reach our goal of registering 25 donors! The Red Cross has partnered with Sports Clips this month to provide a chance to win a free haircut coupon with your donation! Find details on [rcblood.org/racetogive](http://rcblood.org/racetogive).

**Join an Usher Team!** Our regular usher teams are back in place, serving one Sunday per month. 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, Too!** 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!

**49ers on October 10 - Note the special date (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in October).** Our speakers will be Paula Allen and Jeanne Smay, co-leaders of the PCOC refugee resettlement team, who will update us on the progress of the refugee family that is being sponsored by PCOC. We meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). We order from a special menu provided for our group. Everyone is welcome - whether you are 49, younger, or older - come join us! For reservations and/or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Sign up at the Information Desk.

**Presbyterian Men Outing on October 12.** All PCOC men are invited to a free, 90-minute guided tour of the "CLAAS Factory" at 8401 S 132nd St. at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 12. Please arrange carpooling with guys who live near you. We plan to have lunch afterwards at 11:00 a.m. at Shirley's Diner, 13838 R Plaza, and enjoy food & fellowship (pay for your own lunch). Sign up at the Information Desk by Sunday, October 8. Bring a guest, and new members, join us! Questions? Contact Gary Fitch.

**Friday Night Gourmets on October 13.** Join us for a spooky Friday Night Gourmets on Friday, October 13, at the Pink Poodle in Crescent, Iowa. We will order from a limited menu that includes prime rib, chicken, and more. Sign up online or at the information desk. Drinks will start at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00. Please indicate at signup if you would like to carpool. Hosts are Mary Reed and Charlene Meyer.

**Albert Schweitzer – A Modern Saint.** Carl Greiner will teach this class on Sundays, 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? Sign up online.

**We're Hiring!** The church is hiring for these part-time positions: Administrative Assistant, Communications Coordinator, and Livestream Team Members. Find more detailed job descriptions at <https://churchofthecrossomaha.org/job-openings/>. If you are interested in any of these positions, send cover letter and resume to [rock@pcoc.us](mailto:rock@pcoc.us).

**Did you see something you'd like to sign up for?** Just scan the QR code (right) to access our sign-up page, locate your event, and complete the online sign-up form! You can also find the sign up page on the church website at <https://churchofthecrossomaha.org/signup/>.



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