



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, October 15, 2023

9:00 & 11:10 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in G Major"

J.S. Bach

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

SILENT MEDITATION

If there be any truer measure of a man than by what he does, it must be by what he gives.

Robert South (1634-1716), English clergyman

Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-92), English Baptist preacher

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (9:00)

"God's Wondrous World"

Patris and Messick

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 23

The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

God's goodness and mercy are always close. Let us worship God!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN #803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

(*Please stand, if you are able.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'We Are Forgiven'. The first staff is in treble clef, key of G major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'We are for-giv-en. We are for-given. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.' are written below the notes. The second staff is identical to the first.

WELCOME

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

ANTHEM (9:00)

“Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet”

Joy Webb

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Patty Sparks, Meals on Wheels

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Sam Rennick, Finance Committee

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 23

page 435 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 (11:10)

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

Paul Manz

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4: 1-9

page 955 of the pew Bible

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

SERMON

“Timeless Advice”

Dr. Richard Meyer, HR

*PROFESSING THE FAITH OF OUR CHURCH

In love you came to a stable in Bethlehem

to become one with us.

In love you walked the plains and hills of Galilee and Judea

to teach us how to live.

In love you were nailed on a cross on Calvary

to bear away our sin.

In love you rose from a tomb in Joseph's garden

to defeat death's power over us.

In love you ascended beyond the clouds

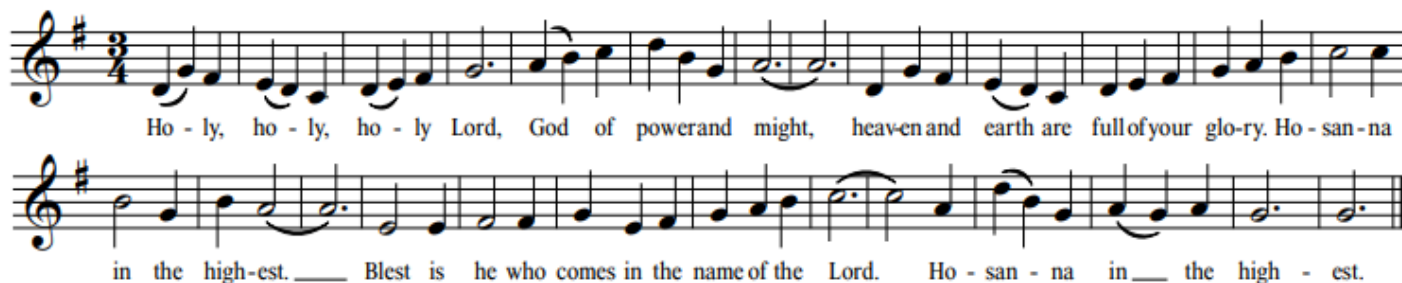
to be our reigning Lord.

You came to love us so that we need never feel unloved, deserted, alone, or condemned.

*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

"Aria" (9:00)

Samuel Wesley

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (11:10)

Paul Manz

* 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

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

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

"Go Now In Peace" (9:00)

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

"Simple Gifts"

John Behnke

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music	9:00	Children's Choir, Jayne Frederickson, director; Mark Kanitz, organ
	11:10	Trinity Brass: Gary Lynn and Avery Fuller, trumpets; Ann Pearson and Valerie Fuller, horns; Keith Allen, trombone; Mark Kanitz, organ
Ushers	9:00:	Tim Grauman, Captain, Brenda Grauman, Kathy Moore, Cheryl Bedell, Jeff Boyum
	11:10	Josh Murray, Captain, Joe Weaver, Sue Kiel, Arlin Kiel
Greeters	9:00	North Door: Marsha & Gary Marron
	9:00	Welcome Center: Dave & Mary Ann Pederson
	11:10	North Door: Kathy and Paul Nickel
	11:10	Welcome Center: Judy Arms
Information Center	9:00:	Mary Ann Pederson
	11:10:	Stephanie Weaver
Childcare Ministry		Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, and Brandon Fisher
Coffee Host		Amy Boesen
Flowers		The flowers this morning are given by Kathy and Paul Nickel in honor of their 57 th wedding anniversary today.

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Announcements

For the week of October 15, 2023

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 15 - Pantry Sunday

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary
- 9:00 "We Are Americans" Class
- 10:00 Children's/Youth Sunday School
Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
- 4:45 JHF/SHF Youth Fellowship

Note: The Welcome Center is unavailable this week.

Monday, October 16

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Deacons Meeting in Rm. 15

Tuesday, October 17

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study in Rm. 15
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study in Rm. 15
- 5:30 Finance
- 6:30 APNC Committee Meeting in Rm. 15

Wednesday, October 18

- 5:15 Children's Choir
- 5:15 PCOC Book Group
- 5:50 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
- 6:30 Bible Study & Adult Education
- 6:30 Confirmation Class
- 6:50 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, October 19

The entire Church Campus is closed today – no power.

- 6:00 Carillon Choir (power will be back on)

Friday, October 20

Cross Currents Deadline

Sunday, October 22 - Stewardship Sunday

- 9:00 "We Are Americans" Class
- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:00 Children's/Youth Sunday School
Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 Albert Schweitzer Class
- 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
- 4:45 SHF/JHF Fellowship
- 5:00 GALS Potluck and Craft Night

Joys & Concerns. The sister of Barb Scanlan, Carolyn Anderson, passed away this week after a long bout with cancer. Stan Hale and Phyllis Armstrong are recovering from surgeries.

Our guest preacher this morning is Rev. Dr. Richard Meyer, a retired Presbyterian minister who served in our presbytery for many years. Richard and his wife, Trudy, made PCOC their church home several years ago. Trudy serves as a liturgist in worship and was recently elected as a member of our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

Youth Groups Today. Both JHF and SHF will meet at church at 4:45 p.m. for Bible study with Marshall followed by fun and games. Bring your Bible!

2023 Stewardship Campaign. Our campaign is now underway. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider how you and your family may participate. Commitment Sunday is October 22. What better way to end the year celebrating Advent and Christmas than to be ready for 2024 with a fully funded budget in place. Thank you for your support!

Planned Power Outage this Week. The new Welcome Center area is closed this week, due to the installation of new main electrical switches to that part of the building. **The entire church building is closed during the day on Thursday, October 19.** Staff will be checking voicemails.

Book Group on October 18. PCOC Book Group will meet Wednesday, October 18 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. to review *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonya Purnell. All readers are welcome! Questions? Contact June Fettig.

PCOC GALS on Sunday, October 22. Join our fellowship group for a cozy themed fall potluck and craft evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Voss home (4925 S. 197th Street, Omaha). Sign up by October 10 online to bring a beverage, potluck course, and vase/pot for the craft. Questions? Contact Staci Voss.

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. We 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.

Cross Currents Deadline is Friday, October 20. If you have content for the November issue of the church newsletter, please submit it to Communications@pcoc.us by the deadline.

Trunk or Treat on October 29. Join us on the East Lawn on Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 p.m. for fun, games, and trunk or treating. Be sure to wear your costume and bring a bucket for your treats. Please sign up online, so we have an idea of how many to expect. We are accepting donations of individually-wrapped candy or treats; place in the bin in the Lobby.



Belarus, Ukraine, Russia Mission Conference in November. Church of the Cross is hosting the 2023 Annual BURM Conference on November 2-4, 2023, and YOU are invited to participate! We also need volunteers to help us host. Sign up online!

Remembrance Service is Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 p.m. Our church's Cross Care Connections program is reaching out to members and families to come and remember your loved one during an afternoon service in our sanctuary. You are invited to stay for continued fellowship at the reception following in the Welcome Center.

49ers on November 7. Our speakers will be Tim and Lisa Trudell, authors of *Lost Treasures of Omaha*. Remember cruising Dodge Street? How about a family dinner at Mr. C's? Did you know Fred Astaire got his start here in Omaha? Omaha has a lot of history and trivia to offer. Join authors Tim and Lisa as they take us down a nostalgic look at our city's history. 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. Or, sign up in the white binder at the Information Desk.

Back By Popular Demand – Classic Shrimp Boil Dinner & Fundraiser! Presbyterian Men are hosting an old-fashioned shrimp boil on Sunday, November 12 in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy scrumptious 'JUMBO' fresh shrimp (or chicken cordon bleu) served with all the fixins! We will have special entertainment. The cost is \$17 per person. ALL proceeds will go to purchase diapers and wipes for Heartland Hope Mission (HHM). Sign up and pay in advance (checks made to Presbyterian Men) at the Information Desk by Sunday, November 5. Contact Jim Miller or Frank McMullen with questions.

It's Time to Start Thinking About Advent. We know it's mid-October, but some of our Advent events involve a deadline. We are sharing these items now, so you don't miss out.

- **Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 19.** Our Senior High Youth Group will prepare and serve lunch after late worship, then the crafting begins. Register online by November 1!
- **Poinsettias for Advent – Orders Due November 8.** You may order red poinsettias for our Sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone you love. The cost for each plant is \$17. Order forms are available at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center and online. Orders and payments must be received in the church office **no later than Wednesday, November 8, 2023.**
- **Children's Christmas Pageant – Sign Up by November 1.** The Children's Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m. All children (preschool – 5th grade) will be wearing costumes and singing, and registration is required to participate. Sign up by November 1. Mandatory rehearsals will be held on November 29, December 2, and December 3.

Scan to Go to the PCOC
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