



Welcome to Worship

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024
9:00 and 11:10 in the Sanctuary

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Haec dies

William Byrd

Hæc dies quam fecit Dominus: exultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.

"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it, Alleluia."

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

SILENT MEDITATION

Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important. C.S. Lewis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(*Please stand, if you are able)

This is the good news: the grave is empty; Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This is the good news – the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

This is the good news – once we were no people; now we are God's people. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! Alleluia!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*EASTER HYMN #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Arr. James Biery

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we still remain captive to doubt and fear, not fully believing the good news of life beyond life. We overlook the poor and the hungry, we pass by those who mourn and we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed. Forgive us, and help us trust in your power to change our lives and change the world!

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

WELCOME

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

arr. Jeremy Bankson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

*EASTER HYMN #233

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 16: 1-8

page 829 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"Grappling with an Empty Tomb"

Dr. Zieman

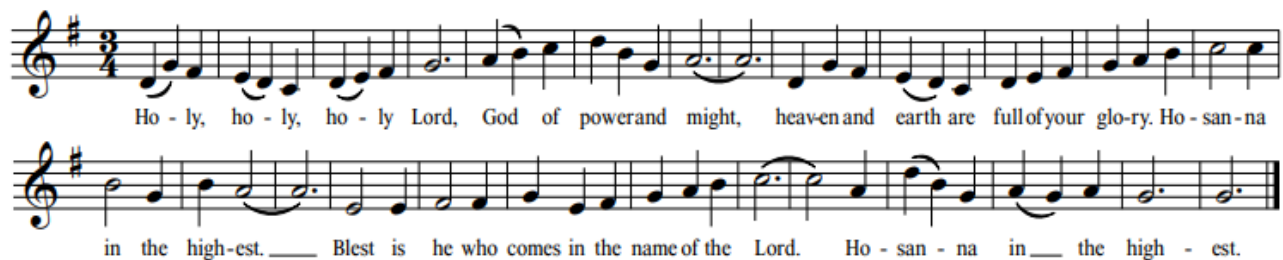
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from 1 Corinthians 15

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

***SANCTUS (#572)**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”



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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

David Schack

***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**

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ’s behalf. May we love as Christ loved and serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by the spirit of Christ in our hearts. Amen.

***EASTER HYMN #236**

“The Strife Is O’er”

VICTORY; arranged by Robert J. Powell

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. (All) The strife is o’er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
2. (All) The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:
let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
3. (Choir only) The three sad days are quickly sped:
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!
4. (All) Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death’s dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist	Jean Lynn, Moderator of the Personnel Committee		
Music	Chamber and Alleluia Singers Trinity Brass: Marty McGuire and Gary Lynn, trumpets; Ann Pearson and Valerie Fuller, horns; Keith Allen, trombone; John Broderick, tuba; Ryan Wilson, percussion Mark Kanitz, organ; Kristi Treu, conductor		
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher		
Ushers	9:00	Tim Graumann, Captain; Brenda Graumann, Darold Bauer, Mimi Bauer	
	11:10	Neal Hubbard, Captain; Charlotte Hubbard, Bidong Tot, Patty Ritchie, Judy Sundberg	
Greeters	9:00	North Door: Doug Larson	Welcome Door: Joe Weaver
	11:10	North Door: Kathy Nickel	Welcome Door: Nancy Anderson
Information Center	9:00	Karen Saunders	11:10 Nancy Koehler
Coffee Host	Congregational Life		

For your convenience during worship: Bibles, hymnals, and sign-in books are in the pews. Blue envelopes are provided for the offering, and yellow prayer request cards are also provided. Prayer requests are confidential. Please note: If you would like to have an item included in the Bulletin Announcements, the deadline for submissions is Wednesday night each week. Once an item has been submitted, it will be included automatically until the event has passed. Send your information to communications@pcoc.us. Thank you!

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Announcements

For the week of March 31, 2024

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday

- 9:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship
- No Sunday School**
- 11:10 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 4:45 No JHF or SHF Fellowship

Monday, April 1 – The Church Office is Closed

- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 5:00 APNC Committee

Tuesday, April 2

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study at Vidlak's
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 11:30 49ers at Wheatfields
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 4:00 Congregational Life Committee

Thursday, April 4

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 9:30 Presbyterian Women Bible Study
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Carillion Choir

Saturday, April 6

- 8:00 Building & Grounds Committee
- 9-12 B&G Clean Up Day

Sunday, April 7 – Confirmation Sunday

- 9:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship/Confirmand Reception
- 10:00 Children & Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Agape Spring Speaker Series
- 11:10 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 4:45 SHF Fellowship/No JHF Fellowship

Joys & Concerns. Happy Easter! Let's remember to pray for all our homebound members this Easter weekend.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Our special offering for OGHS ends today. Use the special envelopes in the pew racks to donate, write "OGHS" on the memo line of your check, or donate online. Kids, leave your fish bank in the basket in the Narthex.

You Belong at PCOC – Join Us on Sunday, April 14! For anyone interested in joining the church, our next new member discussion will follow the late service on April 14. Join us in the Welcome Center at noon. A light lunch will be provided. Sign up online or call the church office.

Active Minds will be playing Spades for the month of April. Please join us in the Lower-Level Great Room on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. This is an easy game to learn, and we have patient teachers available to help. Coordinator: Earlene Uhrig

49ers on April 2. Our speaker for Tuesday, April 2 is Ken Gruber, President of Omaha Rapid Response. We will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place) in the Garden Room, and we will order from a special menu provided. Sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex.

Spring Clean Up is April 6. Join our church family to help clean up the church grounds at 9 a.m. We will work until about noon. Bring your work gloves, clippers, and garden tools. All ages are welcome to help! Snacks are provided!



Presbyterian Women on April 4. Our ladies are continuing studying "Sacred Encounters" on April 4 at 9:30 am in Room 15. In Lesson 8, Jacquie Kluck will share the story of Lydia Encountering Jesus in Worship. Acts 16:11-15. Our Gifting Gals Project continues as we collect Sunglasses and Sunscreen in April. Our bin is next to the Missions food bin in the circle drive. We appreciate your donations for our project, as do the lady clients at Heartland Hope Mission. If you have questions, please contact Cindy Nisley.

No Tuesday Bible Studies this week. We will resume our study of Hebrews on Tuesday, April 9.

Beginning Next Sunday - Spring Speaker Series - Embracing Community Connections. Agape for All invites all to attend three unique presentations featuring leaders from our Omaha community. What exciting progress is being made in the area of social justice? Join us in the Courtyard Classroom at 10 a.m. on April 7, 14 and 21 to find out! Online registration is preferred, but walk-ins are always welcome.

The speaker on April 7, Leah Wambui Keinama, began her career as a systems engineer and integrator in the software industry. Today, she combines technology skills with knowledge of soil health and conservation to develop independent food systems so our community can thrive rather than just survive. No More Empty Pots is a dynamic Omaha non-profit that strives to improve self-sufficiency, regional food security, and economic resilience through advocacy and action.

April 14 - Connecting with the Tri-Faith Initiative

Jeremy Fricke - Vice President of Mission Advancement

April 21 - Connecting with the Empowerment Network

Willie Barney - Founder and President of the North Omaha Empowerment Network

Don't Miss our Next Vesper Concert in the Sanctuary - The Queen's Six Making Their Omaha Debut on Tuesday, April 9

The Queen's Six is making its debut in Omaha, and with only four stops scheduled on its US tour, this is an event you don't want to miss. Vesper Concerts presents them in a free concert on Tuesday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. The Queen's Six was established in 2008, the 450th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth I, from whom they take their name. Based at Windsor Castle, members of The Queen's Six make up part of the Lay Clerks of St George's Chapel, whose homes lie within the Castle walls.



Friday Night Gourmets is Friday, April 12. Betty Goodwin, Kim Banat, Inga Wagner & Alta Empey will be your hosts at GORAT'S, 4917 Center St. Omaha, NE. We will have a social time from 6:00—6:30 p.m. and Dinner orders will be taken at 6:30 p.m. We will order from a special menu and pay for individual tickets. Sign up at the information desk. Questions? Contact the hosts. Betty Goodwin, Kim Banat, Inga Wagner & Alta Empey.

Doubling Your Donation to Heartland Hope Mission. Through April 15, one of our local mission partners, Heartland Hope Mission, is matching all gifts received. Please consider making your donation now.

Tables for 8 - SPRING/SUMMER SESSION 2024

The deadline for new registrations or making a change for the spring/summer session (May, June, July, and August) is April 10. If you are currently in Tables for Eight as a "Regular", you will automatically be reassigned to a new group. However, if you choose not to participate or want to change to a "Substitute" contact Pam Otto. New "Regular" participants or "Substitutes" (couples or singles) are always welcome to join this fellowship opportunity. Questions and answers about "Tables for Eight" are on the registration form, and the form is available at the Information Desk or on the Website (www.churchofthecrossomaha.org). Coordinator: Pam Otto





Easter Flowers

Our beautiful Easter flowers for the Sanctuary were donated by PCOC members and families in honor and/or in memory of loved ones. Please feel free to take the type of plant(s) you donated at the end of the worship service you attend. Any unclaimed plants will be delivered to our shut-ins.

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 Kristin Jacobi
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Dedication

In Memory of William Anderson
 In Memory of Henry Arms
 In Memory of Loved Ones
 In Honor of Holly, Chuck, Kristy, David, and Genny
 In Memory of Parents and Grandparents
 In memory of Eugene and Ruby Bauer
 In Memory of Paul and Lucille Quinn
 In Memory of Don and June Beernink
 In memory of Bob and Margaret Dickmeyer
 In Honor of Shirney Boesen
 In Honor of Derek and Michelle Boesen, James Boesen and Whitney West
 In Honor of Silas, Oliver and Avery Boesen
 In Memory of Ken and Norma Wassung
 In Memory of Our Siblings
 In Memory of Wilbur and Leatha Chapin
 In Memory of R. Wayne and Jean Wilson
 In Memory of Jessica and George Vicknair
 In Memory of Martin and Helen Conway
 In Memory of Loved Ones
 In Memory of Dr. Charles Dobry
 In In Honor of Wife, Launie Lambert
 In Memory of Parents, Cale and Brad Field
 In Memory of Parents, Ruby and Launie Lambert
 In Memory of Ellen McCutcheon and Bob Frederickson
 In Memory of Thomas Futhey
 In Memory of Carol Mackey
 In Memory of Richard Decker
 In Memory of Raymond and Roger Goodwin
 In Honor of our Children and new Granddaughter, Olivia
 In Memory of our Parents
 In Memory of Daughter, Jessica Dorn
 In Memory of Bill Fristoe, Larry and Rida Knutzen

 In Honor of my Children and Grandchildren
 In Memory of my Brother, Paul S. Hesselink
 In Memory of Joe Heese
 In Memory of Marilyn and Richard Howland
 In Memory of Betty and Gene Matson
 In Honor of our Grandchildren
 In Honor of the Igel and Marvin Families
 In Honor of Mary Macrander
 In Honor of Family

Sharon Jelinek	In Memory of Don Jelinek
Larry and Judy Keating	In Honor of our Great Granddaughters, Alayna and Brynnleigh Koger
Arlin and Sue Kiel	In Memory of Ron Kiel
Kathy and Jerry Klein	In Memory of Loved Ones
Ken and Jacquie Kluck	In Memory of Loved Ones
Nancy Koehler	In Honor of my Grandchildren, Ross, Drew, Sarah, Matt, Cassie, and Alyssa
Nancy Koehler	In loving Memory of my Husband, Roger
The Mau Family	In Memory of Ron Mau
Quinn McGuire	In Honor of Susan Geschwender
Quinn McGuire	In Memory of Derek Geschwender
Zach Metzger	In Honor of my Parents
Lloyd and Charlene Meyer	In Honor of our Family
Tina and George Morgan	In Memory of Tina's brother, Bob Ferstl
Lois Morris	In Memory of Bill Morris
Emily, Josh, and Elizabeth Murray	In Memory of Joel Gatewood, beloved Dad, Father-in-law and Grandpa
Arnie and Karleen Nelson	In Honor of our Family
Gary and Marinell Neuhaus	In Memory of Harry and Elsie Hansen and Herman and Lavon Neuhaus
Ken and Cindy Nisley	In Honor of Treasured Friends
Ken and Cindy Nisley	In Memory of Loved Ones
Mary Ott	In Memory of Thelma Rauk
Pam Otto	In Memory of Loved Ones
Mitch and Lori Pirnie	In Honor of Our Family
Mitch and Lori Pirnie	In Memory of our Parents
Corey Prideaux	In Memory of Ken, Janet, and Amy Prideaux
Bob and Gerry Reid	In Memory of Vance Delehoy, brother of Kim Reid
Bob and Gerry Reid	In Memory of Janet Delehoy, mother of Kim Reid
Cindy and Bob Rieke	In Honor of Max Rieke
Kirk Ryckman	In Honor of the Ballou Family, Casey, Lauren, Barrett, Hallie, and Cece
Kirk Ryckman	In Honor of the Chappell Family, Kara, Ryan, Sophie and Emma
Kirk Ryckman	In Memory of Debbie Ryckman
Owen and Karen Saunders	In Memory of Alvina Vander Sluis
Rick and Sheri Sessions	In Honor of our Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
Jim Spielman	In Memory of Family Members
Janice Steffa	In Memory of Edward Steffa
Arv and Judy Sundberg	In Memory of Harold and Mardelle Grothe
Arv and Judy Sundberg	In Honor of Shad, Tnaya and Stella Sundberg
Arv and Judy Sundberg	In Memory of Carl and Harriett Sundberg
John and Pam Swenson	In Memory of Bill and Ruth Ann Williams
John and Pam Swenson	In Memory of Richard and Betty Swenson
Bob and Judy Thomas	In Honor of our Children and Grandchildren
Barbara and Chet Thompson	In Memory of our Parents
Earlene Uhrig	In Memory of Parents
Janet Wallace	In Memory of Husband, David Wallace
Clarence and Jean Waters	In Memory of Family Members
Sue, Jean and Family	In Honor of Frank Watt
Sue, Jean and Family	In Memory of Jody Watt
Joe and Stephanie Weaver	In Honor of our Family
Rodney and Cheryl Whorlow	In Memory of those who have perished due to Russian aggression in Ukraine
Rodney and Cheryl Whorlow	In Honor of those individuals who work tirelessly to help others solve conflicts and reach peaceful solutions

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