



Welcome to Worship

Confirmation Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 in the Sanctuary

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Pianosong

Paul Halley

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

SILENT MEDITATION

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the good news we have received,

In which we stand, and by which we are saved.

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,

And rose again on the third day.

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve

And to many faithful witnesses.

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe

And proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN #238

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

(*Please stand, if you are able)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through your name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

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 (#240)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks!

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

Je - sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -

lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, Give praise to his name.

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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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.

ANTHEM

Evening Song (9:00)

Paul Halley

I Know That My Redeemer Lives (11:10)

Craig Courtney

CONFIRMATION AND COMMISSIONING

Confirmand

Alyson Grady

Tyler Falcone

Mentor

Kathy Nickel

Jon Boomgaarden

VOWS

The Vows of Membership for Presbyterian Church of the Cross

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
2. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?
3. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
4. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 24-31

page 883 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"My Lord and My God"

Dr. Zieman

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*SANCTUS (#572)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SANCTUS (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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Walk Together Children (9:00)
Children of the Heavenly Father (11:10)

arr. Moses Hogan
Eric Nelson

***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**

We give back a portion of what you have given to us, O Lord, to be used with those in need in our community, our nation, and around the world. May we be of one heart and soul as we follow your command to help our neighbors and live out your generosity in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN #246**

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

***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

With High Delight

Charles Ore

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

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| Music | 9:00 | Kristi Treu, soprano; Mark Kanitz, organ |
| | 11:10 | Alleluia Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ |
| Childcare Ministry | | Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher |
| Ushers | 9:00 | Dave Berry, Captain; Brad Burch, Tim Zimmerman, Cherri Carpenter |
| | 11:10 | Jim Chapin, Captain; Paul Holubeck, Doug Reid, Inga Wagner, Kim Banat |
| Greeters | 9:00 | North Door: Karen Saunders Welcome Center Door: Rob & Bev Koch |
| | 11:10 | North Door: Judy Arms Welcome Center Door: Tim & Kirs Goodman |
| Information Center | 9:00 | Linda Miller |
| | 11:10 | Judy Arms |
| Coffee Host | | Keith Allen |



Announcements

For the week of April 7, 2024

The Week at a Glance

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
- 12:15 APNC Committee
- 4:45 SHF Fellowship/No JHF Fellowship

Monday, April 8

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Christian Education Committee

Tuesday, April 9

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 7:00 Vesper Concert

Wednesday, April 10

- 5:15 PCOC Book Group
- 5:30 Chamber Singers
- 6:30 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, April 11

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 11:30 Educators Lunch
- 12:00 Serve Lunch at OSS
- 6:00 Carillion Choir

Friday, April 12

- 6:00 Friday Night Gourmet at Gorat's

Sunday, April 14

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship/Children & Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 Agape Spring Speaker Series
- 11:10 Worship
- 11-2 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's
- 12:00 New Member Discussion
- 2:30-6:30 SHF Papio Fun Park/JHF Tree Rush at Fontelle Forest
- 4:15 Serve at Siena Francis House

Joys & Concerns. We have the joy of welcoming the 2024 Confirmation Class into membership today!

Pinwheels for Prevention. PCOC is again serving as a host site for Project Harmony's "Pinwheels for Prevention" Event. Following each service today, you are invited to pick up a pinwheel as you exit the Sanctuary. You will be guided to where to plant it along our front walkway and main entryway flowerbed. In this way, we can do our small part to bring awareness to the issue of child abuse.



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.

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.

Adult Sunday School beginning today - 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

Friday Night Gourmets is Friday, April 12. Betty Goodwin, Kim Banat, Inga Wagner & Alta Empkey 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 Empkey.

Active Minds will be playing Spades for the month of April. 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.

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.



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