



# Welcome to Worship

May 12, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 in the Sanctuary

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

"Allegretto" from Sonata no. 4 in B flat

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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

### SILENT MEDITATION

"I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians of England."

John Wesley

"Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children." William Makepeace Thackeray

### CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

**We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.**

Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

**God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

### \*HYMN #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

(\*Please stand, if you are able)

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities.

Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. 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.

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

## 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

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 6: 20-23

page 513 of the pew Bible

## \*HYMN #435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MOMENT FOR MISSION

Sheri Sessions, for our PCOC Hosting Committee

## 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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (9:00)  
City Called Heaven (11:10)

TRENTHAM; arr. Robert Jackson  
Josephine Poelinitz

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 15: 9-17

page 878 of the pew Bible

## SERMON

"Words + Deeds = Love"

Dr. Zieman

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

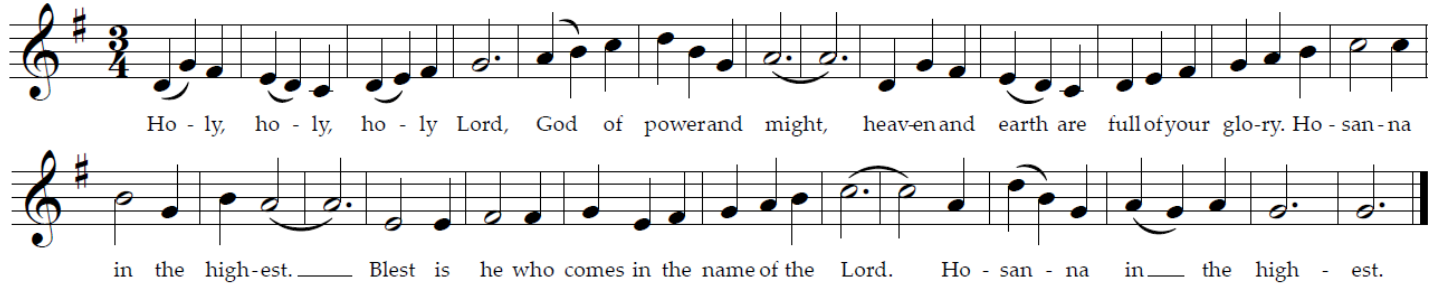
from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1991

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

### \*SANCTUS (#572)

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav-en 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

Spirit of Faith, Come Down (9:00)

BEALOTH; arr. Daniel Burton

Down in the River to Pray (11:10)

arr. 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

O God, our Maker and Provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #324

For All the Faithful Women

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### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE (9:00)**

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. —

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:10)**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

arr. Joseph Graham

**POSTLUDE**

In You Is Gladness

setting by Kevin Hildebrand

**SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

|                           |   |  |
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| <b>Liturgist</b>          | Keith Allen, elder on the Mission Committee   |  |
| <b>Music</b>              | 9:00  | Kristi Treu, piano; Mark Kanitz, organ   |
|                           | 11:10   | Alleluia Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ   |
| <b>Childcare Ministry</b> | Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher |  |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | 9:00  | Jim Miller, Captain; Linda Miller, Gary Marron, Marsha Marron, Frank McMullen    |
|                           | 11:10   | Tim Goodman, Captain; Kris Goodman, Judy Sundberg, Dan & Barb Scanlan            |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | 9:00  | North Door: Karen Saunders                      Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson |
|                           | 11:10   | North Door: Pam and John Swenson              Welcome Center Door: Sue Meusey    |
| <b>Information Center</b> | 9:00  | Mary Ann Pederson  |
|                           | 11:10   | Kathy Nickel   |
| <b>Coffee Host</b>        | Linda Matson                                  |  |



# Announcements

For the week of May 12, 2024

## The Week at a Glance

### Sunday, May 12

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship, Children and Youth SS
- 11:10 Worship
- 11:00 Sharing and Caring at Don and Millie's
- 4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House  
No Youth Fellowship

### Monday, May 13

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 5:30 APNC Committee
- 6:30 Christian Education Committee

### Tuesday, May 14

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 5:00 Membership Committee
- 6:00 Vesper Board Meeting
- 6:30 Mission Committee

### Wednesday, May 15

- 5:15 PCOC Book Group
- 5:30 Chamber Singers
- 7:00 Women's Choir

### Thursday, May 16

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

### Friday, May 17

Cross Currents Deadline

### Saturday, May 18

- 8-3 Habitat for Humanity Build

### Sunday, May 19 **Pantry Sunday**

- 9:00 Worship with Communion
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship/CE Reception
- 11:10 Worship with Communion

**Joys & Concerns.** The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Mike and Sherryl Shannon in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and also by Jane Pauba Dodge and Gary, Jessica, Morgan and Riley in honor of Ethel Pauba.

**Local Disaster Relief.** If you wish to offer financial support toward disaster relief in our area you may do so by designating on the memo line of your check to PCOC, "PMRV PDA." This week, Rock sent a check for \$690 to our Presbytery office to support local efforts to provide ongoing help.

**Volunteers Needed to Help us Host.** The PCOC Hosting Team is gearing up for what could be a very busy spring and summer of hosting volunteer groups. We will need many extra hands for specific jobs. We are looking for folks to help with our Set Up Team, Greeters/Tour Guides, Tear Down Team, Laundry Team. If you would like to participate in one or more of these areas, on an "as needed" basis, please contact Sheri Sessions at

**Sing with the Women's and Men's Choirs**—even if you aren't currently a member of choir. Women rehearse on May 15 and 22 at 7:00 p.m. and sing in worship on May 26. Men rehearse on May 29 at 7:00 and June 5 at 5:30 and sing in worship on June 9. Contact Kristi Treu at the church if you have questions.

**Habitat for Humanity Build – next Saturday, May 18, 8 am to 3:00 pm.** We need your help to make the dream of decent, affordable housing a reality for all our neighbors in Omaha! Presbyterian Church of the Cross will again be participating in a Habitat Build Day. Registration is limited to the first ten volunteers. Must be 16 years of age and no tools or previous construction experience is required. The best way to register is to contact Matt Darling

**Pentecost Offering Concludes next Sunday.** As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the

Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of the amount PCOC collects will remain with us to support ministries with children and youth in our



PENTECOST  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS



church and local community. Make your check out to PCOC and indicate Pentecost Offering in the memo line. **New Bible Studies Begin on May 14.** Come, join our happy group as we embark on a new study of the Old Testament book of Joshua, as God's people fight the battle of Jericho and enter the Holy Land. No experience required, just bring your Bible! Join us in the Welcome Center on Tuesdays at 7:00 am (men only) or at 1:00 pm.

**What does Lithuania have to teach us about peace?** Lithuania is a small country on the Baltic Sea with lessons to teach us about the travails and tragedies of war and overcoming this history to achieve a lasting and healing peace. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program will travel there for a study session, "Lithuania: Healing the Legacies of War and Oppression," on October 14-24. Taking a trip like this broadens our perspective. We learn about different cultures, traditions, and ways of life. We see how people can be cruel and how people can overcome that history to build peace that heals the brokenness. Gaining this perspective helps us translate these ideas and ways of change to apply them in Omaha. It provides us with the opportunity to walk in dependence upon the Lord and find a renewed awareness of our need for Him and his love for all people. The deadline for applying to go on this trip is June 14, 2024. Join Pastor Zieman and Becky on this adventure. For more information search for Presbyterian Mission Peacemaking Lithuania.

**Active Minds** is playing 10-point Pitch for the month of May. On Tuesdays, join us in the Lower-Level Great Room from 2-4 p.m. This is an easy game to learn, and we have patient teachers available to help. Coordinator: Earlene Uhrig

**Presbytery Men's Retreat at Camp Calvin Crest.** May 17-18, Camp Calvin Crest in Fremont, NE is hosting a Men's Retreat. Rev. Stephen Niles, a member of the Alleluia Singers, is on the planning team. The featured speaker will be Rev. J. D. Georlett, Senior Pastor at Dundee Presbyterian Church. Bob Bennett, an award-winning musician, will be the retreat's song leader. All men from our presbytery are invited to attend. Registration is held on the Calvin Crest website. For more information and pricing details talk with Stephen Niles or go to [CalvinCrest.org/men](http://CalvinCrest.org/men).

**49ERS on June 4** Our speaker will be Keith Allen, for 35 years a Professor of Psychology at the Munroe Meyer Institute at UNMC. He will describe how we can use science to answer questions important to understanding and treating myriad problems of mental and behavioral health, ranging from adult chronic pain, to adolescent risk-taking, childhood autism and toddler potty training. We meet for lunch at 11:30 am at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). We order from a special menu provided for our group. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you are 49, younger or older. Reservations and/or questions, please contact Mary Ott, or Judy Sundberg. We will have a sign-up sheet at the information center desk in a white 3 ring binder.

**Art and Music Camp June 11-14** Summer Camp Opportunity for kids finishing 1st through 5th grade. It's Back! 2024 Art Camp and new this summer, announcing 2024 Music Camp! Sign up online and different tracks are available.

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