



Welcome to Worship

May 26, 2024

10:00 in the Sanctuary

Today, we begin our summer worship schedule, which will run through Labor Day Sunday.

Worship is at 10:00, with no Sunday School for the summer. Coffee Fellowship follows at 11:00.

This summer, due to the construction in the Fellowship Hall, our Coffee Hour is held in the Welcome Center.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Richard Proulx

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

SILENT MEDITATION

On this Memorial Day Sunday, begin your time of worship with a moment of remembrance, remembering fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others. Begin your time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving, thanking God for brave men and women who have given their lives so that we may worship without fear. Begin your time of worship with a moment of silence in your heart; striving to honor the fallen by becoming the kind of citizen Jesus desires you to be.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples,

and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN #8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

(*Please stand, if you are able)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For times we embrace war when you call for peace.

Forgive us.

For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them.

Forgive us.

For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you, our Servant Savior.

Forgive us.

For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without considering the same for others.

Forgive us.

For seeing ourselves less than the full person you created in beauty with delight.

Forgive us and grant us peace.

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

COMMISSIONING OF SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

JHF to Kansas City
SHF to Minnesota

***HYMN #450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sheri Sessions, co-Moderator of the APNC

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

My Lord, What a Morning

Spiritual arr. Sue Ellen Page

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8: 9-19

page 919 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"You Really Are God's Child"

Dr. Zieman

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

*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

Sh'ma Yisrael

Barbara Wolfman

Hear, O Israel, the Lord Our God, the Lord is One. Blessed is His glorious kingdom in all the world forever.

***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**

Teach us to give our whole lives to you, Loving Lord. May our treasure become not the money gathered here but the mission of your love in the world expressed through our lives. For the privilege of giving, and of receiving, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

***HYMN #340** This Is My Song FINLANDIA

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Irish Blessing Linda Spevacek

POSTLUDE Memorial Trumpet Tune Robert Wetzler

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist Charlotte Hubbard, member of the Worship & Music Committee

Music Women's Choir; Mark Kanitz, organ

Childcare Ministry Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher

Ushers Richard and Trudy Meyer, Alta Empkey, and Brad Burch

Greeters North Door: Paul Nickel Welcome Center Door: Sue Meusey

Information Center Sue Meusey

Coffee Host Kathy Nickel Coffee Fellowship is held in the Welcome Center for the summer.

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Announcements

For the week of May 26, 2024

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 26

- 10:00 Worship – one service in the summer
- 10:00 SHF/JHF Commissioning
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center
- 11:00 SHF Mission Trip Parent's Meeting – Rm 15
- 11:00 JHF Mission Trip Parent's Meeting in the Courtyard Room

Monday, May 27

Office Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28 – no Bible Studies today

- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 6:00 Cross Care

Wednesday, May 29

- 5:30 Chamber Singers
- 7:00 Men's Choir

Thursday, May 30

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement

Friday, May 31

- 11:00 Lois Decker Funeral & Luncheon

Saturday, June 1

- 10:00 Rehearsal

Sunday, June 2

- 7:00 SHF Leaves for Mission Trip
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship and The Pancake Man

Memorial Day commemorates all men and women who have died in U.S. military service. It's not to be confused with Veterans Day, which celebrates the service of U.S. military veterans, or with Armed Forces Day, which honors men and women currently in service. Memorial Day began a few years after the Civil War, in 1868. An organization of Union veterans established the holiday, then known as Decoration Day, as a time to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers. From then until the present day, the solemn holiday has been formally observed at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Joys & Concerns

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Rev. Stephen Niles in memory of his wife, Linda and in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Adrian Hinz' father, Vernon, passed away recently.

No Bible Studies on Tuesday, May 28. We will resume on June 4 and continue during the summer in our study of the Old Testament book of Joshua. Bring your favorite Bible and join us on Tuesdays in the Welcome Center, either at 7:00 am (men) or at 1:00 pm (everyone).

Summer Coffee Fellowship Hour. Due to the anticipated summer construction in Fellowship Hall, our Coffee Fellowship Hour at 11:00 on Sundays will be held in the Welcome Center, beginning next Sunday, May 26. Let's enjoy the Welcome Center together!

The Pancake Man is here – next Sunday, June 2!

Join us for the Pancake Man after the worship service. The cost is \$5.00 per person and \$20.00 maximum per family. This event features entertainment provided by Anne Narosky's young fiddlers! Proceeds will go to help recent tornado relief in our area.



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 another check for \$375 to our Presbytery office to support local efforts to provide ongoing help. This brings our 3-week total to \$1,920.

Summer Construction in Fellowship Hall! The summer renovation of the Fellowship Hall is now set to begin in July. We will be getting new lights, new flat screens, and a new ceiling. This project should last through Aug.

Volunteers Needed to Help as Hosts. 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.

Sing with the Men’s Choir on Sunday, June 9 — even if you aren’t currently a member of choir. Men rehearse on May 29 at 7:00 & June 5 at 5:30 and sing in worship on June 9. Questions? Contact Kristi Treu at the church.

Summer Ushers Needed. Looking for a way to serve the church and give our regular ushers a break? Sign up to usher on a summer Sunday that works for you! We are looking for ushers June 2 through September 1.

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. Active Minds would also like to invite 6th – 8th graders (in the fall) to join them on Tuesdays in June for games and lots of laughs. They will meet in the Great Room from 1 – 3:30 p.m. Please sign up online or contact Earlene Uhrig for more information.

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. Come join us. 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.

Friday Night Gourmet June 7 will be held at Kris & Tim Goodman's home on June 7 at 6:30PM. Brats & burgers and tea & water will be provided. If you have any questions contact the host. Please BYOB & a side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share. You can sign up at the Information Desk as to what you will be bringing. See you there or be square.

Visit the No More Empty Pots facility June 17 Come learn about the Highlander Accelerator Project at 2120 N 30th Street. The tower garden greenhouse provides fresh greens for food boxes and for purchase in the Micro Market. Commercial kitchen areas provide space for cooking classes and entrepreneurial endeavors. Questions? Contact Earlene Uhrig, and sign up at the Information Desk or online on the signup page.

New Member Discussion on Sunday, July 21. If you are interested in joining the church, please attend our next New Member Discussion following worship on Sunday, July 21 in the Welcome Center. The discussion will last about an hour and a light lunch will be served. Sign up online or call the church office.

The Vesper Concerts Season 36 Announcement Is Coming!

To receive our beautiful, full-color brochure, make sure you are on our mailing list. Send Kristi your mailing information to kristi@pcoc.us. Then, head to our website at vesperconcerts.org to sign up for our email newsletter, and find up-to-the-minute information on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



GALS Evening Concert at Cellar 426 is June 8. Join GALS for an evening of music, fellowship, and fun at Cellar 426 Outdoor Concert featuring Tom and Wes on June 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. To participate, please purchase a ticket in advance at <https://cellar426.com/tom-wes-live-cellar-426-winery> and sign up so GALS can coordinate carpools. Tickets are \$6.50 in advance and \$9 the day of the show. There are a limited number of tickets so make sure to sign up early. Sign up online at <https://churchofthecrossomaha.org/signup/>.



Art and Music Camp June 11-14

Summer Camp Opportunity for kids finishing 1st - 5th Grades. Choose your track:



TRACK 1: Art Camp 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space \$25 for materials. Back by popular demand: Tie Dye, Clay, Canvases, and Watercolors New this year: Mosaic, Airplanes, and Shrink Art. Sue Thomas, instructor.

TRACK 2: Music Camp from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. NO COST. Singing, Bucket Drums, Folk Dancing. Jayne Frederickson, Mary Lynn Bennett, and Kristi Treu, Instructors

TRACK 3: Art Camp AND Music Camp with lunch break from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Sign up to participate or volunteer to help. Questions: contact Sue Thomas or Kristi Treu.

Young Adult Mission Trip June 19 – 23

Our young adults will gather at Camp Calvin Crest in Fremont again this summer. The format will be like previous years, where their home base is at Calvin Crest, and they will provide service to mission partners in Fremont and Omaha during the day. They are scheduled to serve dinner at Siena Francis, work at No More Empty Pots, Care Corps Life House, and Habitat for Humanity. There will be lots of time for fun and fellowship as well. Contact Heather for more information. Register Online Now!



Vacation Bible School, July 9 – 11

9 a.m. to Noon, 4 yrs. to 5th grade (completed)

Join us for a summer camp adventure with God! Lu (the lightning bug) will teach us ways we can put our trust in God when we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work. Contact Heather for more information. Register Online Now!

Gifts and Memorials

Presbyterian Church of the Cross is fortunate to have a long-standing and functional Gift & Memorial program that allows for memorial funds or individual gifts to be designated for specific items, portions of items, or 'Ongoing Giving Opportunities' from the Session approved "Gift and Memorial Items List." The items or missions selected are then recognized in worship, the bulletin, and the Memorial Book, where records have been kept since 1957. The following memorial designations and gifts occurred during the past year. These selections are all appreciated, and each will enhance the life of our congregation in a special way.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Joseph Meusey, family and friends donated funds for the round conference tables for the Welcome Center.

In memory of Roy Willis, family and friends donated funds for the conference chairs and storage cart for the Welcome Center.

In memory of Donna Sumner, Church of the Cross friends donated funds for a podium for the Welcome Center.

In memory of Marlene Sutton, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of Jean Hanson, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of Donald Drews, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of Linda Wax, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center serving dishes and accessories.

In memory of Evelyn Barber, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of Elaine Penkava, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center Christmas Tree.

In memory of Robert Hasebroock, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of Lida Koukol, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of Ron Sladek, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of Betty Stevens, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center Dinnerware Place Settings, Glassware, and Flatware.

In memory of Harry Payne, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of Pennie Cassling, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of Virginia Wilson, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of Jackie Upah, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center Kitchen Utensils and Accessories.

In memory of Larry Kluck, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of Florence Howell, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center furnishings.

In memory of P.R. "Dick" Jenkins, family and friends donated funds to underwrite the 2024 Vesper Legacy Concert featuring guest recitalist Dr. David von Behren.

In memory of Joan "Jody" Watt, family and friends donated funds for guest musicians for the 2023 Advent Sunday Choir and Orchestra occasion.

Designated Gifts

The Dana Sloan Estate has gifted a Mason & Hamlin Grand Piano for the Welcome Center.

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