



# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, May 5, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.



## Youth Sunday & Senior High School Recognition

**WELCOME**

Jenna Cunningham

**PRELUDE**

“Shout for Joy!” (Psalm 98) from Psalm-Sonata No. 1

Brenda Portman

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Garrett Voss

**Leader:** Today, my generation leads us in worship. Listen to our voices as we exalt our God and tell of God’s goodness.

**People:** **Your voices are important, and we want to listen. We want you to be heard!**

**Leader:** Come, let us magnify the Lord together!

**People:** **Today, one generation proclaims God’s deeds to the next, declaring the power of God. Together, we celebrate God’s abundant goodness, mercy, and love. Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

(\*Please stand if you are able.)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Emmie Fuller

**Leader:** Please join me in the prayer of confession, followed by a time of silent prayer. Let’s pray:

**All:** **Almighty God, we are not always people who live by faith. We know that we were created in your image, but we treat ourselves and each other in ways that do not honor your presence within us. We know your laws and your commandments, but we choose to disobey you and to act in ways that harm our neighbors. We hear your call to reach out to those most in need, but instead we turn our backs on them and on you. Forgive us, O God, and help us day by day to become more faithful followers and the people you created us to be. In the name of Christ, we pray. 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**

**Kendall Kahler**

One: God the Creator brings us new life, forgives us, and redeems us. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God!

**\*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.

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**Sierra Cunningham, Brooklynn Evers, Clara Stalnaker**

**FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS**

**Dr. Zieman**

**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.

**MY JOURNEY OF FAITH**

**Alex Voss**

**MY JOURNEY OF FAITH**

**Adam Luke**

**MY JOURNEY OF FAITH**

**Josh McFadden**

**My JOURNEY OF FAITH**

**Brinly Lehmann**

**MY JOURNEY OF FAITH**

**Andrew Berry**

**MY JOURNEY OF FAITH**

**Blake Kahler**

**PRESENTATION OF SENIOR GIFTS  
RECOGNITION OF YOUTH LEADERS**

**Tammy Holdren (9:00) and Kathryn Vint (11:10)**

# PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalms 119: 9-16

Cadence Fritz

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

page 493 of the pew Bible

John 15: 12-17

Veronica Kerr

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

page 878 of the pew Bible

## ANTHEM

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Miller & Jackson; arr. Mark Hayes

Cadence Fritz, soprano

## \*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.

## \*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Josh McFadden

# PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

“Allegro” from Concerto in E Flat

Johann Baptist Georg Neruda

Avery Fuller, trumpet

## \*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

Josh McFadden

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer of Dedication. Let's pray together.

All: O God, these plates contain but a portion of our thanksgiving. The remainder we offer through deeds of loving kindness in the name of Christ. We respond with gratitude to your grace and your goodness, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## \*HYMN #547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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## \*BENEDICTION

Brady Luke

**\*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****"Sinfonia" from Cantata BWV 29**

J.S. Bach; transcr. Harvey Grace

**SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

<b>Music</b>	Brynn Stalnaker, trombone; Emmie Fuller, oboe; Cadence Fritz, soprano; Avery Fuller, trumpet; Dr. David von Behren, organ	
<b>Childcare Ministry</b>	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher	
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00	Dave Berry, Captain; Kate Hoybook, Kevin Kerr, Brynn Stalnaker, Noah Luke, Gage Maxwell
	11:10	Jim Chapin, Captain; Kate Hoybook, Kevin Kerr, Brynn Stalnaker, Noah Luke
<b>Greeters</b>	9:00	North Door: Finn Mooney, Jessa Sherlock Welcome Center Door: Max Justice, Izzy Piotrowski, Daley Gibson Circle Drive: Crosby Koch, Cody Borman
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<b>Acolytes</b>	9:00	Brooklynn Evers and Tyler Falcone
	11:10	Brooklynn Evers and Clara Stalnaker
<b>Information Center</b>	9:00	Linda Miller
	11:10	Kathy Nickel
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Roger Utman	



# Announcements

For the week of May 5, 2024

## The Week at a Glance

### Sunday, May 5 – Youth Sunday

- 9:00 Worship led by the Youth
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship, Children and Youth SS
- 10:00 Agape Spring Series Recap
- 11:10 Worship led by the Youth
- 3:00 Vesper Legacy Concert
- 4:45 JHF Fellowship
- 5:00 SHF Progressive Dinner

### Monday, May 6

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Worship & Music Committee
- 6:30 Building & Grounds Committee

### Tuesday, May 7

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 11:30 49ers at Wheatfield's
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 4:00 Congregational Life Committee

### Wednesday, May 8

- 5:30 Chamber Singers
- 6:30 Alleluia

### Thursday, May 9

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

### Friday, May 10

- 6:30 Friday Night Gourmet

### 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

**Local Disaster Relief.** We send hope, love, and encouragement to the families who were impacted by the storms last week. 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." Rock will send funds each week to our Presbytery office to support local efforts to provide ongoing help.

**Joys and Concerns.** Enjoy today's service presented by our youth, and congratulations to our graduating seniors!

Andrew Berry	Millard West High School
Blake Kahler	Millard West High School
Brinly Lehmann	Millard West High School
Adam Luke	Millard West High School
Joshua McFadden	Millard North High School
Garrett Moore	Elkhorn South High School
Alex Voss	Millard West High School

The Deacons are hosting a brunch for our graduates and their families in Fellowship Hall between services. The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Charlotte and Neil Hubbard "just because."

**Agape for All Today.** How do we really "Embrace Community Connections"? Join us today in the Welcome Center at 10:00. Let's come together one more time and have a discussion on some next steps. We've learned a lot, so let's gather to hear more and delve into some thoughts and ideas a little more deeply.

**Last Day for Celebrating Women Fundraiser.** Bidding ends today on the baskets, which are on display in the corridor between Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. Stop by and find the perfect gift for the woman in your life. You'll be notified today if you win. Thanks for your support!

**Guest Organist Today and Vesper Concert Season Finale!** Today we welcome award-

winning organist Dr. David von Behren, a Nebraska native, currently serving as the Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster of the Memorial Church at Harvard University. Today's 3:00 p.m. concert has been aptly named the "Vesper Legacy Concert" as a tribute to our late founder, Dana Sloan. Everyone is invited to attend!



**Youth Groups Today.** JHF will meet from 4:45 to 6:30 tonight for fun and games. If you are a current 5th grader, please come join the fun and see what JHF is all about. SHF is having a progressive dinner. They will meet at the Voss home at 5:00 and be done at the Kahler home at 7:30 p.m.



**Last Chance to Sign Up for Friday Night Gourmets on May 10.** Make plans to join the Friday Night Gourmets on May 10 in the Hacienda Real Party Room at 78<sup>th</sup> and Cass Street at 6:30. Co-hosts are Charlene & Stan Weyand, and Don & Cindy Hiltgen.

**49ERS on Tuesday, May 7.** Our speaker will be Matthew Hansen, editor of the Flatwater Free Press, Nebraska's first statewide nonprofit news source. Hansen, a 16-year veteran of Nebraska newspapers, has previously worked as a reporter at the Lincoln Journal Star and then a reporter and metro columnist at the Omaha World-Herald. He has travelled to Cuba and Afghanistan and won multiple state, regional and national awards for investigative stories, feature stories and columns. 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. Sign up at the Information Desk.

**Habitat for Humanity Build – 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. You can register online here: <https://cerv.is/0119gBpaWmz>. Must be 16 years of age and no tools or previous construction experience is required. Please contact Matt Darling with questions on the registration process.

**Pentecost Offering Continues.** 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 church and local community. We will officially collect this special offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, but donations may begin now by making your check out to PCOC and indicating Pentecost Offering in the memo line.



**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).

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