



# Welcome to Worship

June 23, 2024

10:00 in the Sanctuary

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune and Pastorale  
from "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Jeffrey Blersch

*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

O God, we joyously come together to worship, realizing we need not summon you into our midst, for you are here.

**We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there.**

We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you;

**our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you;**

our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you;

**our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you.**

**Grant each one a blessing, O Lord, as each has need, as we worship you this day.**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

### \*HYMN #4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

(\*Please stand, if you are able)

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to forgive others. Hear this our prayer, and hear us now as we pray to you in silence.

## 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 Piper and Libby.*

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Piper Smith and Libby Whitlow

### \*HYMN #693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

## THE OLD TESTAMANT READING

Job 38: 1-11

page 420 of the pew Bible

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MOMENT FOR MISSION

Juliet Summers, Executive Director of Voices for Children

## FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

### 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

Love for Jesus Medley

arr. Jim Hammerly

(O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus/My Jesus, I Love Thee/I Love You, Lord)

# PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 4: 35-41

page 816 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"Perfect Chaos/Perfect Power"

Dr. Scott Christiansen

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1991

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

### \*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

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place  
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

arr. Mark Hayes  
arr. Lloyd Larson

### \*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

You call us, O God, to live for you and to follow Jesus even when it is uncomfortable or challenging. As we share this offering with you, we ask that you would bless us in ways that allow us to be even more generous with our time and with the gifts you have given us. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### \*HYMN #463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

### \*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**

**Toccata and Fugue  
from "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

**Jeffrey Blersch**

**SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

- Liturgist** Jean Lynn, Moderator of the Personnel Committee
- Music** Kathy Leach, piano; Mark Kanitz, organ
- Childcare Ministry** Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher
- Ushers** Mike Shannon, Captain; Sherryl Shannon, Kathy Moore, Trudy and Richard Meyer
- Greeters** North Door: Joe and Stephanie Weaver Welcome Center Door: Sue Meusey
- Information Center** Karen Saunders
- Coffee Host** John Morey

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# Announcements

For the week of June 23, 2024

## The Week at a Glance

### Sunday, June 23

10:00 Worship  
11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center  
10:00 Young Adult Mission Trip ends

### Tuesday, June 25

9:30 Staff Meeting  
6:00 Cross Care  
1:00-3:30 Active Minds

### Wednesday, June 26

2:00 International PeaceMakers Host Comm.  
5:00 Planned Giving Team

### Thursday, June 27

10:00 Tai Chi

### Saturday, June 29

10:30 Mary Pat Caldwell Memorial Service

### Sunday, June 30

10:00 Worship  
11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center

### Summer Schedule continues thru September 1

Single Worship Service at 10 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship at 11 a.m. in the Welcome Ctr.  
No Sunday School  
Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

## Joys & Concerns.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are each given by couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries: by Mike Howland and Linda Matson in honor of their 37<sup>th</sup>, by Roger and Nancy Utman in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup>, by Rick and Sheri Sessions in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup>, and by Cheryl and Rodney Whorlow in honor of their 57<sup>th</sup>! Congrats to each of our happy couples!

**Visiting Preacher Today.** Today's guest preacher is Rev. Scott Christiansen. Scott grew up in Nebraska in and around the Lincoln area where he met and married his wife of almost 45 years, Cathy. Cathy and Scott have 3 children and 2 daughters-in-law, one of which is a Presbyterian pastor in Montana. Scott and Cathy also have 2 dogs who are beloved family members: Abby and Pax. Scott spent the early part of his career as a public-school teacher, then spent about 15 years as a youth pastor. After seminary he served Westwood Church in Omaha, a congregation of the Reformed Church in America for almost 25 years as senior pastor. Scott retired from that position at the end of 2021, and after a brief stint as an interim pastor, he has served Omaha Street School, an alternative Christian High School for at-risk teenagers, as COO. Scott also serves as part-time pastor of Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, here in Omaha.

**Patriotic Concert July 7.** Stay after the worship service and enjoy a short program of patriotic music presented by our brass group, organ, and mixed vocal ensemble. You'll hear many of your favorites and can participate in a sing-along.

**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."

**Summer Ushers Still Needed.** We are in need of one more usher for June 30 and three more ushers for July 7. We also have openings on the rest of the Sundays in July. Please consider signing up as an individual, a family, a church committee or with a group of friends. Sign up online or email Mary Lynn Bennett.

## Young Adult Mission Trip

Our young adults, along with a few from West Hills Church, gathered to serve the Omaha and Fremont communities last week. They began on Wednesday, sorting donations at Siena Francis. Thursday, they served at No More Empty Pots. Friday, they served at Care Corps Life House in Fremont. They ended their time serving

at Habitat for Humanity in Fremont on Saturday. Thank you to this group of eleven young adults for making a difference in our community!

**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 August.

**Summer Coffee Fellowship Hour.** Due to the anticipated summer construction in Fellowship Hall, our Coffee Fellowship Hour on Sundays has moved to the Welcome Center. Let's enjoy the Welcome Center together!

**Bible Studies.** There are no Tuesday Bible Studies this week. We will resume on Tuesday, July 2.

**Active Minds** would like to invite 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Vacation Bible School, July 9 – 11**

**9 a.m. to Noon, Kinder to 5<sup>th</sup> grade (completed)**

**Note: The Preschool Class is now full!**

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. Register Online by July 1.



**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.

### **Second Race & Reconciliation Dinner on July 21**

Join Kathy Moore at the second dinner hosted by Pamela Berry, at Trinity Lutheran Church at 6340 North 30th St. at 5:30 p.m. This will be a casual dinner and opportunity to hear speakers and then discuss the period from slavery to Jim Crow and Red Summer. More information will be available later. About six of us attended the first dinner in April along with friends we've partnered with from St. Luke's United Methodist. Seating is limited so feel free to let Kathy Moore know if you are interested. Registration will also be available at the Information Desk and online

### **Art, culture and food in North Omaha on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

We will start with lunch at 11:45 at Jackson's Fair Deal Café in North Omaha (2118 North 24th Street). Following lunch, we will go to the Union for Contemporary Arts at 2423 North 24th Street. There we will tour their wonderful cooperative art space which provides affordable opportunities and space for artists who might not otherwise have access. We will also visit their scheduled art exhibit featuring Nathaniel Ruleaux, a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation. Nathan describes his work by saying: "my work is an expression of my combined anger at our nation, a love of the people and the land, and dreams of what kind of world I want my child to grow up in." Contact Kathy Moore if you have questions, and please sign up at the Information Desk or online. If you can't join us on the 14th but would like to visit solo, the Union is open T, W, Th from 1 – 8 and F, S from 10 – 5.

### **Important Reminder from the Business Administrator's Office**

When selling stock or donating directly from your IRA using your Charitable Gift Contribution to Church of the Cross, please notify the Business Administrator's office of your financial activity. This will help ensure that your gift is correctly attributed to your giving record correctly. Thank you for your assistance.