



Welcome to Worship

June 9, 2024

10:00 in the Sanctuary

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J.S. Bach

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"We need time to be encountered by the risen Christ, and we need time for that encounter to transform us from people who say we believe to people who en flesh and embody that belief."

K.C. Ireton

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 130

Out of the depths, I cry to you, O Lord.

Holy One, hear my voice.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits.

In God's word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

For with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN #409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

(*Please stand, if you are able)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****HYMN #469**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

*The congregation will sing the hymn and the soloist will sing the verses in between.***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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

arr. John Walter

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Genesis 1: 26-31

John 1: 1-5

page 1 of the pew Bible
 page 862 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"In the Beginning"

Mr. Joshua Garry

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, 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Ron Mallory

*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, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Opening Prayer

Declaration of a Quorum

Introduction of the Candidate and Terms of Call

Distribution of the Ballots

Voting and Counting the Ballots

Announcement of the Call

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

An Irish Blessing

Donald Moore

***POSTLUDE**

How Firm a Foundation

Jeffrey Blersch

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist

Trudy Meyer, member of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Music

Men's Choir; Mark Kanitz, organ

Childcare Ministry

Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher

Ushers

Tim Goodman, Captain; Kris Goodman, Dan and Barb Scanlan, Sue Meusey

Greeters

North Door: Gena Marks

Welcome Center Door: Bill and Sharon Walsh

Information Center

Mary Ann Pedersen

Coffee Host

Congregational Life – Reception in Fellowship Hall to welcome the Garrys!



Announcements

For the week of June 9, 2024

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 9

- 10:00 Worship and Congregational Meeting
- 11:00 Reception for the Garrys in Fellowship Hall
- 11-2 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's
- 4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House

Monday, June 10

- 11 only Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Vesper Board

Tuesday, June 11

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9-12 Art Camp
- 12:30-3 Music Camp
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 2-4 Active Minds
- 5:30 Membership Committee
- 6:30 Mission Committee

Wednesday, June 12

- 9-12 Art Camp
- 12:30-3 Music Camp
- 5:00 Planned Giving Team

Thursday, June 13

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 9-12 Art Camp
- 12:30-3 Music Camp

Friday, June 14

- Jr Hi Mission Trip is 6/14-6/16
- 9-12 Art Camp
- 12:30-3 Music Camp

Sunday, June 16 – Pantry Sunday

- 10:00 Worship with Communion
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Ctr.

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 given by Barb and Dan Scanlan in honor of their 55th anniversary and also by Carol Bolton in loving memory of Theron (Tuck) Bolton from his family.

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Announcement

Two weeks ago during worship, the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee joyfully announced to the congregation their selection of Mr. Joshua Garry to be our Associate Pastor. A letter about the Garry family was mailed to the entire PCOC membership.



Congregational Meeting

The PCOC Session has called a Congregational Meeting today at the conclusion of the 10:00 worship service in order that a vote will be held to call Mr. Joshua Garry as our Associate Pastor. All members of PCOC are invited to attend and vote!

After worship today - a Reception in the Fellowship Hall!

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 worship service to congratulate Josh Garry and meet his family – spouse Jordan, children Dmitri (11), Nikolai (8), and Nadia (3).

Let's Welcome the Garrys. Do you have a favorite restaurant or family activity in the Omaha area? Please write them down and bring them to church on Sunday morning to share with the Garry family. The Congregational Life Committee will have baskets in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall to put them in. Let's help the Garrys find our local favorites!

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, we sent another check for \$310 to our Presbytery office to support local efforts to provide ongoing help. This brings our 5-week total to \$2,400.



Summer Choir is next Sunday, June 16. All ages are welcome! Meet in the choir rehearsal room at 9:00 to rehearse music for the 10:00 service.

Summer Ushers needed for June 16 & 23. This is your opportunity to be a summer usher while many of the regular ushers are off for the summer. Consider signing up as a family or with a group of your friends. We also welcome new members as ushers – it's a good way to meet other members. Sign up online or contact Mary Ott or Mary Lynn Bennett.

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

Summer Coffee Fellowship Hour. Due to the anticipated summer construction in Fellowship Hall, our Coffee Fellowship Hour on Sundays will move to the Welcome Center, beginning next Sunday, June 16. Let's enjoy the Welcome Center together!

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.



Music Camp June 11-14 Summer Camp Opportunity for kids finishing 1st - 5th Grades. Art camp registration is now FULL, but you may still sign up for Music Camp.

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

Bible Studies. We 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).

Volunteer Hosts. The PCOC Hosting Team is grateful for your overwhelming response – over 40 folks are now lined up to serve as hosts for the volunteer work teams who will come to aid in local disaster relief. Our first team arrives today from Pennsylvania and will stay with us this week.

Active Minds would 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.

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!



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

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.

The Vesper Concerts Season 36 Announcement Is Here!

Our exciting season line-up went live on June 1 on our website, www.vesperconcerts.org. While there, make sure you sign up for our email newsletter. Are you on our mailing list to receive our beautiful, full-color brochure? Send your mailing address to kristi@pcoc.us. You can also find up-to-the-minute information on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



All Play is still looking for Volunteers.

Over 400 players are registered and we need volunteers to help with a wide variety of activities to make a great experience. Game Day volunteers include concession stand servers, greeters, game umpire, AllPlay mascots, game announcers, field set-up and take down, picnic helpers, special events helpers (The Pancake Man, Santa) and many more. Each volunteer time slot is for approximately 2 hours (two games). It is easy to sign up online on the Allplay website under Buddies and Volunteer Activities. This is also an excellent place to have your group volunteer, such as a sports team or school group community outreach. Any Questions? Contact Sandi Stuckey.

STAFF

Rev. Marshall Zieman, D. Min.	Pastor, Head of Staff	marshall@pcoc.us
Kristi Treu, M.A. Music	Director of Music, Executive Director Vesper Concerts	kristi@pcoc.us
Heather Berry	Christian Education Director	heather@pcoc.us
Rock Sumner	Business Administrator	rock@pcoc.us
Christian Fritz	Communications Coordinator	communications@pcoc.us
Julie Hansen	Office Administrator	churchofthecross@pcoc.us
Mark Kanitz	Organist	
Rev. Kirk Ryckman, D. Min.	Pastor Emeritus	

Presbyterian Church of the Cross

1517 S. 114th Street – Omaha, NE 68114-1799

Phone: (402)333-7466 | Fax: (40)697-9084 | Email: churchofthecross@pcoc.us | Website: churchofthecrossomaha.org
