



Welcome to Worship

July 21, 2024

10:00 in the Sanctuary

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

The Peace may be exchanged from "Rubrics"

Dan Locklair

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"Grace comes free of charge to people who do not deserve it and I am one of those people. I think back to who I was—resentful, wound tight with anger, a single hardened link in a long chain of ungrace learned from family and church. Now I am trying in my own small way to pipe the tune of grace. I do so because I know, more surely than I know anything, that any pang of healing or forgiveness or goodness I have ever felt comes solely from the grace of God. I yearn for the church to become a nourishing culture of that grace."

author Phillip Yancey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Lord, we come to worship you, seeking the rest that only you can give.

Give thanks to God; bless God's name!

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN #620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

(*Please stand, if you are able)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with "busy-ness." Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he models for us, mindful of our spiritual health and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Keith Allen, for Siena Francis House

A READING FROM THE PSALMS (unison)

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;

for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

HYMN #803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

He Leadeth Me

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

page 818 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"Who Are You When Everybody Needs You?"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

*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

What a Fellowship

Showalter; arr. Gilbert M. Martin

*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

God of grace and God of glory, we thank you for your generous blessings which enrich our lives. Help us to be good stewards of all you give. May we freely give with generous hearts, even as we have received what you have so freely given us, Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. Amen

*HYMN #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist

Marietta Morhardt, member of the Worship and Music Committee

Music

Summer Choir; Mark Kanitz, organ

Childcare Ministry Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster

Ushers

Tim Graumann, Captain; Brenda Graumann, Bidong Tot, Jean and Gary Lynn

Greeters

North Door: Sue Meusey

Welcome Center Door: Nancy Anderson

Information Center Pam Swenson

Coffee Host

Tina Morgan

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

mark@pcoc.us

Rev. Kirk Ryckman, D. Min.

Pastor Emeritus

Presbyterian Church of the Cross

1517 S. 114th Street – Omaha, NE 68144-1799

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



Announcements

For the week of July 21, 2024

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 21 Pantry Sunday

- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 New Member Discussion in Room 15
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center
- 5:30 Race and Reconciliation Dinner

Monday, July 22

- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 11-1 Garage Sale Prep
- 6-8 Garage Sale Prep
- 5:30 Mission Committee Dinner @ Cornetts

Tuesday, July 23

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 11-1 Garage Sale Prep
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6-8 Garage Sale Prep
- 6:30 Cross Care

Wednesday, July 24

- 11-1 Garage Sale Prep
- 12:30 Earlene Uhrig/Refugee Family
- 6-8 Garage Sale Prep

Thursday, July 25

- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 11:00 Garage Sale Prep
- 6-8 Garage Sale Prep

Friday, July 26

- 10:30 Ron Bowers Memorial Service

Saturday, July 27

- 8-2 Garage Sale

Sunday, July 28

- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center
- 11:00 Jr. Hi Mission Trip Slide Show

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

Joys and Concerns. The flowers in the chancel are given by Stan and Carol Hale in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary and also by Keith and Carole Engelmann to celebrate the 96th birthday of Jean Engelmann!

Ginger Britt-Peterson was in the hospital briefly last week.

New Member Discussion is today, July 21. If you are interested in joining the church, please attend the **New Member Discussion following worship in Room 15.** The discussion will last about an hour and a light lunch will be served. Anyone is free to just drop in.

Mission Opportunity – As the summer heat intensifies, the Siena Francis House (a local mission partner), provides one of several “cooling centers” in Omaha to help lower the risk of heat-related illnesses & deaths. The nonprofit organization, which serves Omaha’s unhoused population, provides an air-conditioned space that can fit up to 70 people. Caseworkers from Siena Francis provide bottled water, sunscreen, lip balm and lunch to any person without housing. This is a short list of the most needed items: Sunscreen, Chapstick, Aloe Vera Gel - or any type of sunburn relief cream/gel, Hats - sun hats, baseball hats, Hydration packs with electrolytes - the powder you can mix with water is preferred, and bottled water. Please consider donating these items this week when you are at church or Sunday morning when you attend worship. There will be bins with “Cooling Center Donations” outside the church office.

The Church Garage Sale is on Saturday, July 27.

We have filled up our downstairs classrooms with gently used treasures. I wonder what you can find - don't miss out! Join us on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to shop. All proceeds benefit the SHF mission fund. Thank you in advance for your support!

Second Race & Reconciliation Dinner is Tonight

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.

Back to School Supply Collection in July. School supplies are now being collected throughout the month of July to benefit our OPS mission partner schools: Integrated Learning Program (ILP), Walnut Hill, Bancroft, and Sherman elementary schools. For 2024, we have added a new mission partner in Wakonda Elementary. We've set a goal of 140 backpacks in addition to all the traditional school supplies for 2024. The collection boxes are inside the circle drive doors and in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous support!

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 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 through Labor Day Sunday, Sept.1.

Summer Construction in Fellowship Hall! The summer renovation of the Fellowship Hall has begun and should last through August. We are getting new lights, new flat screens, and a new ceiling.

Come and Hear Mission Speaker Elmarie Parker on Monday, August 5...

Dr. Elmarie Parker, the PCUSA Regional Liaison to Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon since 2013 will speak at PCOC on Monday, August 5, in the Welcome Center at 10:00am. The heartbeat of Elmarie's ministry in the Middle East is to deepen and strengthen the relational ties between the church in her region and the church in the United States. Elmarie will provide an update from the region as well as provide an historical journey of the history of Presbyterian mission in the Middle East. Elmarie lives in Beirut. She and her husband, Scott (an Omaha native) have spoken at PCOC several times in the past. Please join us for coffee & treats in the Courtyard Class at 10:00.

...and then Join the 49ers for Lunch on Tuesday, August 6

Our speaker will be our very own pastor, Rev. Marshall Zieman, D. Min. This is your chance to bring your questions for Marshall regarding his world travels, family members, likes and dislikes and generally everything you wish to ask him up close and personal. The last time he addressed 49ers was in 2015, shortly after he began as our pastor! 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 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.

Tables for Eight – 2024 Fall Session The deadline for registration for the fall session (September, October, November and December) is August 13. New participants (couples or singles) are definitely welcome to join this fellowship opportunity. You can choose to be a "regular" or a "substitute." Questions and answers about "Tables for Eight" are on the registration form, and the form is available at the Information Desk or on the Website. For the upcoming Fall Session, current "regular" members are automatically assigned to a new group and "substitutes" will remain on that list unless you notify Pam Otto. If you dropped out last session and want to return, please contact Pam by phone, text or email.

Floats and Fellowship August 11

The Membership Committee invites you to attend "Floats and Fellowship" on Sunday, Aug. 11 in the Welcome Center after worship. A member from each of PCOC's Fellowship Groups will be there to showcase their group and answer any questions you may have. Perhaps something will appeal to you, and you can join in. Stop by, grab an ice cream float, and check out the groups.

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 N. 24th Street). Following lunch, we will go to the Union for Contemporary Arts at 2423 N. 24th Street to tour their wonderful cooperative art space and visit their scheduled art exhibit featuring Nathaniel Ruleaux, a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation. Contact Kathy Moore if you have questions, and please sign up at the Information Desk or online.