GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Sanctify Us by Thy Goodness

J.S. Bach

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"Christians don't simply learn or study or use Scripture; we assimilate it, take it into our lives in such a way that it gets metabolized into acts of love, cups of cold water, mission into all the world, healing and evangelism and justice in Jesus' name."

Eugene Peterson

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 145:10-18

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

and all your faithful shall bless you.

The Lord upholds all who are falling

and raises up all who are bowed down.

You open your hand,

satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just and kind,

The Lord is near to all who call on God.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN #393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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(*Please stand, if you are able)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

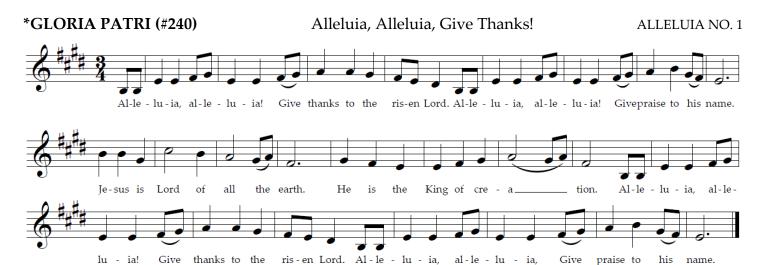
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially prejudiced by the love of other "gods" — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privilege, and of excessive triumphalism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

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



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

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Patty Ritchie, for Agape for All

praise to

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Audrey Amelia Florent, born July 14, 2023 to parents Daniel and Molly Florent

Congregation Response: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Audrey Amelia Florent into Christ's church to share with us in the one ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Him.

HYMN 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Brenda Graumann, co-Moderator of the Membership Committee Joining PCOC today are new members: Dorothy Bellus, Frederick Crum, Kim Crum, Gene Dupue, Linda Hulsey, and Nancy Pippin

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.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6: 1-21

page 867 of the pew Bible

SERMON

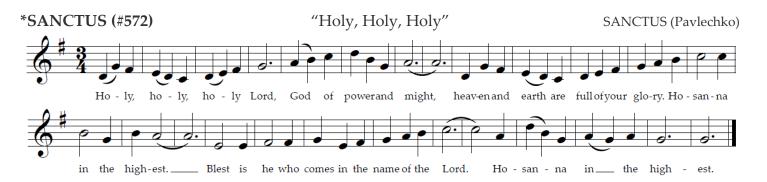
"Unmistakably Miraculous"

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.



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Cello Sonata No. 3, Op. 69

Ludvig von Beethoven

*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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

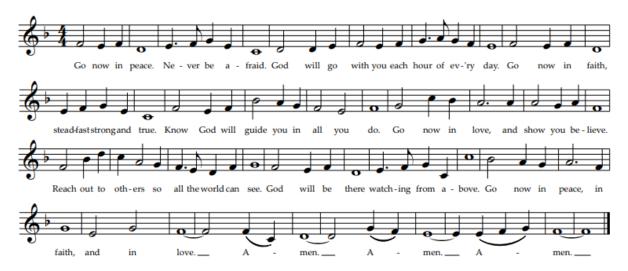
O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. May our lives be used in a similar way – to bring about your kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig



POSTLUDE

Ite Missa Est (Go, the Mass Is Ended)

Craig Phillips

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Liturgist Brenda Graumann, elder on the Membership Committee

Music Annika Shaw, cello; Kristi Treu, piano; Mark Kanitz, organ

Childcare Ministry Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster

Ushers Tim Goodman, Captain; Patty Ritchie, Julie Buehler, Mary and Bob Ott

Greeters North Door: Paul and Kathy Nickel

Welcome Center Door: Karen and Owen Saunders

Information Center Kris Goodman

Coffee Host Curt Field

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The Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 28

Mark Kanitz

10:00 Worship

11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Welcome Center 11:00 Jr Hi Mission Slide Show in Welcome Center

Monday, July 29 10:00 Tai Chi

Tuesday, July 30

7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Staff Meeting

1.00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

6:00 Cross Care

Wednesday, July 31

Earlene Uhrig/Refugee Family

Thursday, August 1

10:00 Tai Chi

Friday, August 2

6:00-8:00 GALS Picnic on the Patio

Sunday, August 4

10:00 Worship - Blessing of the Backpacks! 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in the Welcome Center 11:00 Called Session Meeting in Room 15

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 and Concerns.

The flowers this morning are given by the Diane Wetuski family in memory of her father, Ross Stebbins and also by Tim and Sandy Johnson in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.

mark@pcoc.us

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the families of Ron Bowers and Kay Tomek, whose Memorial Services were held this week.

Summer 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks is next Sunday. All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on August 4. Bring them with you as you come forward for the Time for Young Disciples.



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 at 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.

...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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

Summer Choir is August 18. Have you been curious about singing in the choir? We warmly invite you to join our Summer Choir on August 18. We'll gather in the choir room at 9:00 to practice music for the 10:00 service.

The Tuesday Bible Studies (7:00 am & 1:00 pm) will not meet in August. We will begin our fall session on Tuesday, September 10. Please consider joining these two robust groups for an informative and fun fall study!