# GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE Fugue in D minor J.S. Bach

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

### SILENT MEDITATION

"We don't live by bread alone, but we also don't live long without it. To eat is to acknowledge our dependence - both on food and on each other. It also reminds us of other kinds of emptiness that not even the blue-plate special can touch."

Frederick Buechner, Wishful Thinking

CALL TO WORSHIP based on John 6:35

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Savior God, we come to you hungry and thirsty, grateful for the sustenance you provide.

# PRAISE AND ADORATION

\*HYMN #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**CWM RHONDDA** 

(\*Please stand, if you are able)

# CONFESSION AND PARDON

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action. Forgive us, God, and help us to risk following where Christ calls us to go. Hear this, our prayer, and hear the prayers we offer to you in silence now...

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

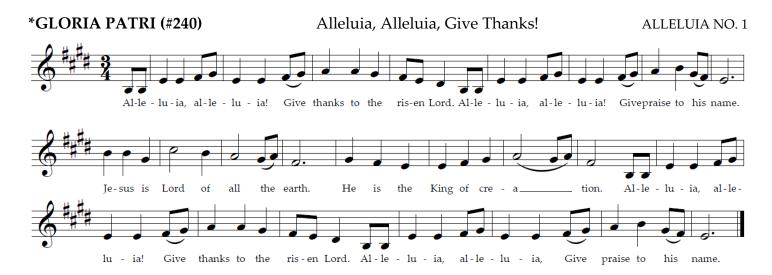
**KYRIE ELEISON (#551)** 

"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



### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Oliver Timothy McClain, born August 9, 2023 to parents Noah and Meghan McClain.

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

THE OLD TESTAMANT READING

Psalm 34: 1-10

page 441 of the pew Bible

# 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** 

This Is My Father's World

arr. Richard Walters

# PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 

John 6: 35, 41-51

page 868 of the pew Bible

**SERMON** 

"Drawn to God"

Dr. Zieman

**PRAYER** 

# PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** 

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Richard Walters

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST

# \*ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

from Psalm 103:1-4; Revelation 5:12

Praise the Lord, O my soul;

all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits -

who forgives all your sins

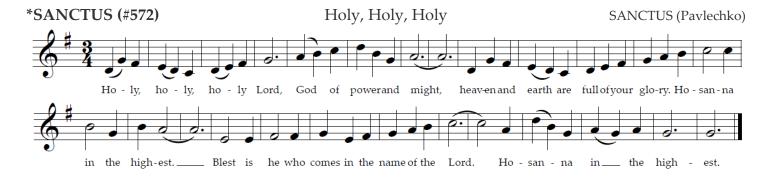
and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit

and crowns you with love and compassion.

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS

Please come forward as directed by an usher. All baptized Christians are encouraged to partake — by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. Gluten-free bread is at the station closer to the pulpit.

If you are unable to come forward, an elder will serve you in the pew.

**COMMUNION HYMN #523** 

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

**BICENTENNIAL** 

The soloist will sing the verses and the congregation is asked to join in on the refrain.

## \*PRAYER

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE Toccata in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude

#### SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music Marietta Morhardt, mezzo-soprano; Annette White, organ

Childcare Ministry Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster

**Communion Servers:** Anne Wattles, Barb Scanlan, Josh Murray, Jean Lynn, Gary Lynn

**Ushers** Tim Goodman, Captain; Kris Goodman, Dan Scanlan, Barb Scanlan

Greeters North Door: Barb Haar-Rightmyer Welcome Center Door: Alta Empkey

**Information Center** Kathy Nickel

**Coffee Host** Linda Matson and the Membership Committee

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#### The Week at a Glance

### Sunday, August 11

10:00 Worship with Communion

11:00 Floats and Fellowship in the Welcome Center

11:00 Sr Hi Car Wash

11-2 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's

4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House

#### Monday, August 12

9 & 11 Music and Movement

10:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Christian Education Committee

#### Tuesday, August 13

9:30 Staff Meeting

1:30 Active Minds

5:00 Membership Committee5:00 Planned Giving Team

6:30 Mission Committee

#### Wednesday, August 14

11:45 Art/Culture/Food – Agape

### Thursday, August 15

9 & 11 Music and Movement

10:00 Tai Chi

### Friday, August 16

#### Cross Currents Deadline

8:00 – 4 Presbyterian Men Work Day at Calvin Crest

### Sunday, August 18 Pantry Sunday

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 and Concerns.

The flowers this morning are given by Charlotte and Neal Hubbard in memory of Neal's dad and their anniversary.

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of Bob Reisser, who passed away Thursday, August 8 at the age of 102. Bob's funeral service is being planned for Monday, August 19, at 11:00 in the sanctuary, followed by lunch in the Welcome Center.

# Floats and Fellowship is Today!

The Membership Committee invites you to attend "Floats and Fellowship" in the Welcome Center after worship today. 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.

### SHF Car Wash is Today!

Bring your cars – the dirtier the better – to the <u>South</u> Lot after Floats & Fellowship today to have your cars cleaned by the senior high group. The event will end at 1:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds go towards next year's mission trip to Estes Park, Colorado, where we will be working at Christine Dempsey's church. Thanks for your support!

### Presbyterian Men Work Day is this Friday, August 16

Each year, we volunteer for work projects at Camp Calvin Crest. They have a couple work projects for us to do on Friday, August 16 (8-4pm): wire & install lights on the 20 posts next to pathways. (A youth group already buried wire & posts. Craig

will order lights & transformers.) If we get #1 done, we can respace the Dining Hall deck boards. If you are able to volunteer, please reply to Jon Boomgaarden. We will carpool at 7:15am (more details later) and have a no-cost lunch. Wear your Mission T-Shirt, if you don't have one, contact Jon with your size & he'll get you one.

**Back to School Supply Collection.** Thanks to everyone for your generous donations! All the backpacks and school supplies are being distributed to the five local Elementary Schools our church support – Bancroft Elementary, ILP, Sherman Elementary, Walnut Hill Elementary, and Wakonda Elementary.

**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.

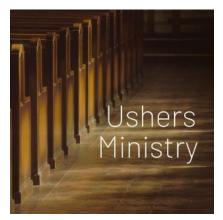
**Summer Construction in Fellowship Hall!** The summer renovation of the Fellowship Hall has begun and should last through August. We are getting new lights, new flat screens, and a new ceiling.

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 is this Wednesday, August 14

We will start with lunch at 11:45 at Jackson's Fair Deal Café in North Omaha (2118 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street). Following lunch, we will go to the Union for Contemporary Arts at 2423 N. 24<sup>th</sup> 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 next Sunday, 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.



# Usher Training Breakfast is Saturday, August 24

Calling all ushers – past, present and future – Please join us in the Welcome Center from 9:00 – 11:00 as we get ourselves organized for the coming program year. We will review the newly updated Ushers Manual, talk about Safety Procedures, look at the different usher teams, and familiarize ourselves with how to utilize the Welcome Center. If you're interested in becoming an usher, please attend this informative time together. We'll begin with coffee and breakfast served in the Welcome Center at 9:00!

## Card Shower for former member Mary Kern's 90th birthday August 27

You are invited to send a birthday card to Mary Kern for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please send your card to her home at 32 Hastings Lane Boynton Beach, FL 33426. Thank you!

# **COMING IN THE FALL**

# Sunday, 1 - A Brunch to celebrate TWO ten-year service anniversaries at PCOC!

Yes, it's true...Kristi will celebrate her ten years on August 1, 2024, while Rock is close behind with a ten-year anniversary on October 1, 2024. The Personnel Committee of PCOC, in partnership with Pastor Marshall Zieman invite you to brunch on Sunday September 1 at 11:00 a.m. (following the final single service of summer) in the newly refreshed Fellowship Hall. No need to donate to a gift for each - those items have already been covered. However, please feel free to bring congratulatory cards to the brunch, or if unable to attend, please drop those by the office the week prior to the event. We are so blessed to celebrate these two great individuals who exemplify a servant attitude on a daily basis. Questions? Please feel free to e-mail Jean Lynn or by phone. Hope to see you there!

# Children and Youth Sunday School Begins September 8

Children will be going back to school very soon, so we are excited to resume Sunday School. Classes for Preschool – High School begin on September 8 at 10:00 a.m. Expect a letter from Heather with all the details.

# Mission Mixer - in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 8

Join us on September 8, the first Sunday we return to two services for a mission mixer! This event offers a chance to connect with the Mission Committee and learn firsthand the impact of your mission dollars. Enjoy coffee, treats, and insightful discussions about the missions the committee champions. We'll gather while the kids are in Sunday School for a fun mix of fellowship and mission updates. Come to enjoy coffee and to explore how together we're making a difference locally and beyond!

# Sunday Adult Education Begins September 15 – Register Online

**Theologians, Composers, Spirituality and Icons of Sacred Music,** led by Cindy Sloan Sundays at 10:00 a.m. from September 15 – October 27

**Let Justice Roll Down,** led by Kathy Moore, Patty Ritchie, and Earlene Uhrig Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on October 3,10,17,24

# Agape for All Speaker Series – Guest Speakers TBD

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on November 3, 10, & 17

# Coping with Grief, presented by Carl Greiner

Sunday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m.

## Attend the Pow Wow at Fort Omaha September 21

Metropolitan Community College - on the Fort Omaha Campus Parade Ground (5300 N 30th St.) Attend this inspiring and educational gathering! Experience the thrilling entrance of the tribes, in full ceremonial dancing attire at 1:00 pm. Optional - after the Opening Ceremony you can enjoy craft demonstrations, classes, and delicious food. Contact Earlene Uhrig to get details when more become available.

# Wednesday Night Cornerstone is Coming!

Registration for the fall semester of Cornerstone has begun! For our newcomers, Cornerstone is our mid-week program for all ages. We hope to see you at Bible Study, Confirmation Class, Choir, and of course, dinner! All are welcome, but we ask that you register online by September 1 so we can plan for dinner and class supplies. Cornerstone begins September 11 and ends on November 13.

## **Choirs**

5:15 – 6:00 p.m.	Children's Choir for 1st – 7th graders
5:50 – 6:45 p.m.	Chamber Singers
6:50 – 8:20 p.m.	Alleluia Singers

Dinner is served between 6 - 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Childcare is provided from 5:30 - 8:15 p.m.

# **Bible Study**

6:30 – 7:15 p.m.	Preschool & Kindergarten Class
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.	$1^{st} - 4^{th}$ Grade Class
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class (8th Grade) led by Rev. Marshall Zieman
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Adult Education*

### \*Adult Cornerstone Class

Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life, led by Rev. Kirk Ryckman

Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. from September 11 – November 13

# The Tuesday Bible Studies resume Tuesday, September 10

We will begin our fall session on Tuesday, September 10, studying the book of Romans. Consider joining these two robust groups for an informative and fun fall study! Register online or in the Welcome Center.

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