GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE Prelude I & II Bob Moore

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

SILENT MEDITATION

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

C. S. Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP from Ephesians 4:1-6

Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit,

just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Let us worship God!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN #400

I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

ENGLAND

(*Please stand, if you are able)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

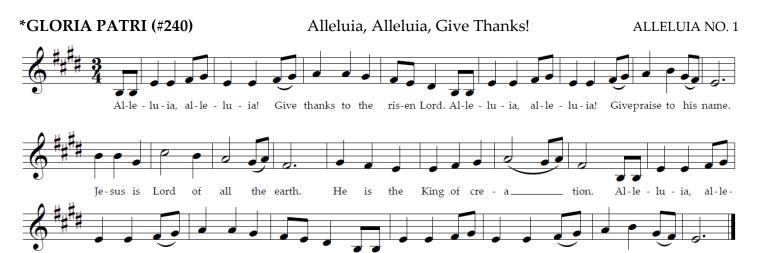
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory, yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace, that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. 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 During the welcome, children are invited to come forward – bring your backpack if you brought it!

ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu - ia,

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

lu - ia!

The Blessing of the Backpacks

praise to

THE OLD TESTAMANT READING

thanks to the

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

al-le - lu - ia,

Give

page 55 of the pew Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Brenda Graumann, co-Moderator of the Membership Committee Joining PCOC today are new members Kate and Justin Gibson, Nancy Pippin, and Judy Meyer.

*HYMN #767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

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: 24-35

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SERMON

"Being Truly Satisfied"

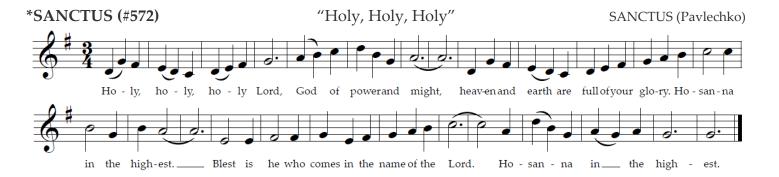
Dr. Zieman

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Jesus Christ is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Prelude IV Bob Moore

*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

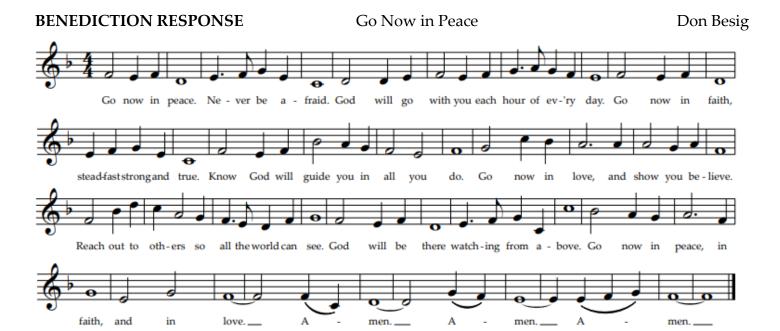
O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

*HYMN #81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

The Emperor's Fanfare

Antonio Soler

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music Mary Lynn Bennet, flute; Patty Ritchie, cello; Kristi Treu, piano; Mark Kanitz, organ

Childcare Ministry Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster

Ushers Jim Miller, Captain; Linda Miller, Frank McMullen, Gary and Marsha Marron

Greeters North Door: Bobbie and John Dyer Welcome Center Door: John and Pam Swenson

Information Center Linda Miller

Coffee Host Ginger Peterson-Britt

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The Week at a Glance

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

Monday, August 5

9 & 11 Music and Movement

10:00 Tai Chi

10:00 Mission Speaker in the Welcome Center

6:00 Worship and Music Committee6:30 Building and Grounds Committee

Tuesday, August 6

9:30 Staff Meeting11:30 49ers at Wheatfields1:30 Active Minds

4:00 Congregational Life Committee

Wednesday, August 7

12:30 Earlene Uhrig/Ali Family5:00 Planned Giving Team

Thursday, August 8

9 & 11 Music and Movement

10:00 Tai Chi

Saturday, August 10

9:00 Backpacks & School Supplies Sorting

Sunday, August 11

10:00 Worship with Communion

11:00 Coffee Fellowship with Floats & Fellowship

in the Welcome Center 11:00 Sr High Car Wash

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

4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House

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 sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Don Reed, who passed away on July 29. A Memorial Service for Don is planned for Wednesday, August 7 at 11:00 am at the Westlawn-Hillcrest Funeral Home at 5701 Center Street.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are to celebrate with Darrell and Barb Stuedemann in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary and also to celebrate with Tom and Jeanette Searson in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers on the death of my husband, Brad. It is a great comfort knowing I have this church family. Your support has made a huge difference during this difficult time. Kristin Jacobi

Blessing of the Backpacks is Today! Children and Youth – If you brought your backpack to worship today, carry it with you as you come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. We will dedicate your backpack along with all the backpacks and school supplies we have collected for the 5 local Elementary Schools we support!

Come and Hear Mission Speaker Elmarie Parker on Aug. 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.

Summer Mission Opportunity – 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. They can use more supplies. Here's 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.

49ers Lunch on Tuesday, August 6 is Sold Out

Our speaker will be our very own pastor, Rev. Marshall Zieman, D. Min. We meet at Wheatfield's and we have reached our capacity for the room. There is a wait list if you would like to be on it in case someone cancels. Note: If you have to cancel, please let us know – there are more folks who would like to attend. Please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg.

The Tuesday Bible Studies are not meeting in August. We will begin our fall session on Tuesday, September 10, studying the book of Romans.

Floats and Fellowship is Next Sunday, 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.

SHF Car Wash is Next Sunday, August 11

Bring your cars – the dirtier the better – to the <u>South</u> lot on Sunday, August 11, and plan to stop by the car wash station to have your cars cleaned by the senior high group. The event begins immediately after worship and ends 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!

Garage Sale Update

SHF would like to thank everyone who donated items for the garage sale, volunteered during the prep weeks, worked the day of the garage sale, and those who shopped at the garage sale. Forty-nine volunteers worked a total of 634 hours during the two prep weeks and on the day of the garage sale. We made over \$5900 that will go directly to our Senior High Mission Fund. The garage sale wouldn't be successful without support from our congregation, so thank you very much!

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 an August 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.

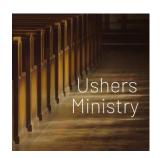
Art, culture and food in North Omaha on Wednesday, August 14

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.

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!



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 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 <u>Thursdays</u> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on October 2, 9, 16, 23

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.

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.

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.	1st – 4th Grade Class
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.	5 th – 7 th 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