



# Welcome to Worship

September 15, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 in the Sanctuary

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

"Andante tranquillo" from Sonata No. 3  
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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

### SILENT MEDITATION

"If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself."  
– Augustine

### CALL TO WORSHIP

With our words and in our actions,

**Let us praise the living God.**

With our lips and in our lives,

**Let us glorify the Lord. Let us worship God!**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #81

(\*Please stand, if you are able)

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, we come in prayer today aware that your Son came to us that we might be free from sin. Yet we are uncertain what this means, and we are unsure of Jesus' role in our lives. Instead of trusting your grace, we live in fear. We fear not being good enough. We fear for tomorrow. We fear being alone. Forgive us and remind us that you sent Jesus to us that we might live in the assurance of God's love.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

**KYRIE ELEISON #575**

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mer - cy up - on\_ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on\_ us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on\_ us.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#447)**

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are for-giv-en. We are for-given. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE OLD TESTAMANT READING**

Psalm 116: 1-9

page 491 of the pew Bible

**FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 8: 27-38

page 820 of the pew Bible

**SERMON**

“A Messiah for Everyone”

Dr. Zieman

**PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

For Everyone Born (9:00)

Brian Mann

*Hymn #769*

Call on Him (11:10)

John Leavitt

*based on the text of Psalm 116*

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*The elders will serve you in the pews. All baptized Christians are invited to partake.*

*We ask that you hold on to the piece of bread or the cup until all have been served, so that we may partake as one body.*

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### 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.

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

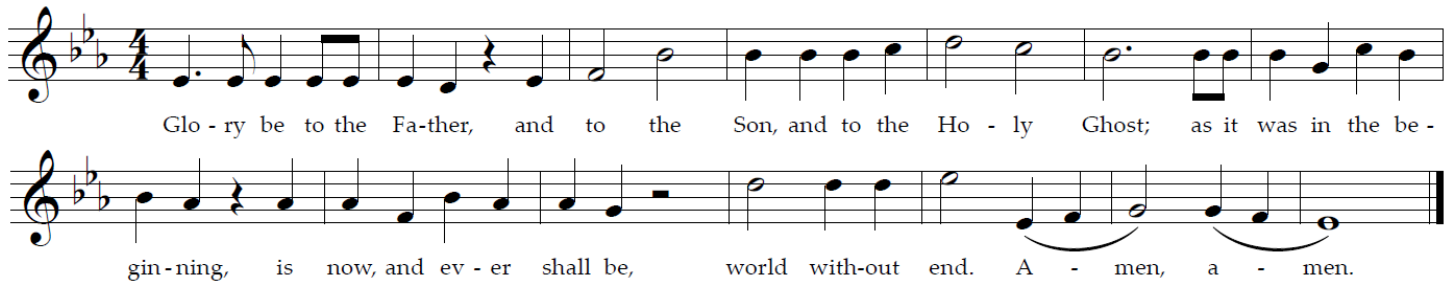
The Apostles' Creed

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.

#### \*GLORIA PATRI #581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -  
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### SERVING OF THE BREAD

*Dr. Zieman will walk down the center aisle with gluten-free bread.*

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM

Bread of the World (9:00)  
Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether (11:10)

arr. Daniel Burton  
Harold W. Friedell

### SERVING OF THE CUP OF THE NEW COVENANT

#### \*PRAYER

We thank you, O God, that through Word and sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### \*HYMN #718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

"Gigue" from Sonata in Baroque Style

Gordon Young

## SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

**Music**                    9:00    Kristi Treu & Mark Kanitz, piano duet; Kristi Treu, soprano; Mark Kanitz, organ  
                                 11:10    Alleluia Singers; Ann Pearson, horn; Mark Kanitz, organ

**Childcare Ministry**    Kari Bernet, Tami Lancaster, Chelsea Spielman

### Communion Servers

9:00	Tim Graumann	Brenda Graumann	11:10	Keith Allen	Paula Allen
	Linda Miler	Kathy Nickel		Cindy Rieke	Stephanie Weaver
	Laurie Kerr	George Morgan		Kathryn Vint	Alta Empkey
	Marsha Marron	Gary Marron		Russ Beernink	Pam Otto
	Dave Pederson	Mary Ann Pederson		Amy Boesen	Dennis Boesen

### Ushers

9:00        Tim Graumann, Captain; Brenda Graumann, Sharon Marvin-Igel, Cheryl Bedel, Jeff Boyum  
11:10        Josh Murray, Captain; Joe Weaver, Julie Buehler, Patty Ritchie

### Greeters

9:00        North Door: Doug Larson                    Welcome Center Door: Dave and Mary Ann Pederson  
11:10        North Door: John and Bobbie Dyer        Welcome Center Door: Susan Price and Nancy Koehler

**Information Center**    9:00 Kathy Nickel    11:10 Pam Swenson

**Coffee Host**            Danny Whitlow

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# Announcements

For the week of September 15, 2024

## The Week at a Glance

### Sunday, September 15

- 9:00 Worship with Communion
- 10:00 Youth and Children SS Classes
- 10:00 Theologians, Composers, Spirituality and Icons of Sacred Music Class
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 11:10 Worship with Communion
- 12:15 Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 4:45 Youth Bible Study with Josh

### Monday, September 16

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Deacons

### Tuesday, September 17

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 1:30 Active Minds
- 5:30 Finance

### Wednesday, September 18

- 5:15 Children's Choir
- 5:15 PCOC Book Group
- 5:50 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Cornerstone Dinner
- 6:30 Bible Study and Adult Education
- 6:30 Confirmation Class
- 6:50 Alleluia Singers

### Thursday, September 19

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi

### Friday, September 20

**Cross Currents Deadline**

### Saturday, September 21

- 9-1 SHF at Heartland Hope Mission
- 1-7:30 Pow Wow at Fort Omaha-Agape

### Sunday, September 22

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship and Youth and SS Classes
- 10:00 Theologians, Composers, Spirituality and Icons of Sacred Music Class
- 11:10 Worship
- 12:15 Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 4:45 JHF Fellowship, but no SHF

## Joys and Concerns.

Flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Ron Wax and Family in memory of his wife, Linda and in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and also from Nancy Koehler and Susan Price in loving memory of husband and father, Roger.

## Adult Education Begins Today

**Theologians, Composers, Spirituality and Icons of Sacred Music**, led by Cindy Sloan, begins this morning. What were Calvin's views on music in worship and in the lives of Christians? What is meant by the statement that music is the most spiritual of the arts? What makes music spiritual? Today, we delve into these questions and more. The class will meet on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. from September 15 – October 27, in the Courtyard Classroom in the Welcome Center.

## Youth Choir for Singers in Grades 8-12 meets today

Are you a youth who loves to sing, or who would like to try singing? Meet in the Sanctuary on Sundays, September 15 and 22, from 12:15 – 1:00. We'll have fun working on music to sing at the early service on October 6. Questions? Contact Kristi Treu.

## The Tuesday Bible Studies have resumed

Join us at either 7am (men) or 1pm (everyone). We have begun our study of the book of Romans. We meet in the Welcome Center classroom – bring your Bible and join us!

## Coming in 2 weeks - Deacons Blood Drive on September 29.

The Red Cross will be at PCOC from 9:00 – 2:00 on Sept. 29 for a Blood Drive sponsored by our Deacons. Help us reach our goal of registering 25 donors! Sign ups are available at: the table in the Welcome Center, going online at PCOC, or in the Red Cross website at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).



**American  
Red Cross**

## International Peacemaker visits PCOC on September 29



Dumitru Roibu is Executive President of YMCA Moldova. His history of YMCA community service includes roles such as World YMCA Youth Empowerment assistant and YMCA Change Agent (a global leadership program), and participation in YES (Youth Engagement in Sports) and TTT (Training The Trainers) seminars. Since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Dumitru Roibu has been involved in supporting Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war, to date, helping more than 14,000 refugees, YMCA Moldova has created more than 320 Digital Educational Centers. In 2013, Dumitru founded a rural youth NGO which supported cultural youth events, such as teaching folk dances. His NGO empowered more than 150 young people from the area to take part in Erasmus+, a European Union program for education, training, youth, and sport. For his exceptional civic service, Dumitru was awarded the Civic Merit Medal in 2018 by the President of the Republic of Moldova. Dumitru studied International Relations, has a master's degree in Diplomatic Studies and is currently working on his PhD in Good Governance. Dimu and his wife welcomed their first child in January 2024.

### From the Deacons

### Attention Parents of Young Adults

If you have a child who is between the ages of 18-23, (whether they went to college, a trade school, or got a job) please call the church office and provide their current address. Your Deacons reach out to them and provide a \$25 Target gift card for Halloween and again for Valentines Day as a reminder that PCOC is thinking of them and keeping them in our thoughts and prayers. We want to remind them that they always have a home at PCOC. We would appreciate this information by September 20, so we have time to purchase these gift cards and get them mailed to your child in a timely manner.

### 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.

## Coming in October...

### 49ER's on October 1

Our program for Tuesday, October 1, 2024, will be John Dineen, General Manager of Sol's Jewelry & Loan. JOHN IS THE FIRST SPEAKER THAT 49ERS HAS EVER HAD AS A REPEAT. John will give each and every one of us an education and new outlook as to what Sol's Jewelry and Loan is all about. I promise you that you will be surprised as to the information he will bring to our meeting as to the business he manages. Sol's is MUCH MORE than a place where people take jewelry or other items to obtain money when they are in need. Quite an interesting program is promised. The lunch location is Wheatfields, One Pacific Place, at 11:30 a.m. Every one is welcome, whether or not you are 49, younger or older, come join us! We will order from a special menu. For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott, or Judy Sundberg. We also have a sign-up sheet at the Information Center.

**Thursday Evening Adult Class - Let Justice Roll Down** is led by Kathy Moore, Patty Ritchie, and Earlene Uhrig. The class meets Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on October 3, 10, 17, 24.



## World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday this year is October 6. In preparation, during the month of September, a gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. You may donate online at PCOC, or via the blue pew envelopes.



## Presbyterian Men

Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 am, PCOC men are invited to attend a continental breakfast and program in the Welcome Center featuring Todd Petrick, Forensic Investigator. Todd will speak about the forensics work he has done with the Omaha Police Department. He will also share the work he does training agencies throughout the country in the use of equipment like GPS, Laser Scanners, and Drones to map crash and crime scenes, then present that data in 3D. You won't want to miss this special program! Please sign up to attend at the Information Desk by Sunday, October 6. Invite someone to attend with you. Contact Jon Boomgaarden with questions.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bibles October 13

The second graders will receive their new Bibles at both services on Sunday, October 13. Parents, please let Heather know which service you will attend.

**New Member Discussion on Sunday, October 13.** If you are interested in joining the church, please attend our next New Member Discussion following worship on Sunday, October 13 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.

## SHF invites the 49'ers to Bingo and Soup

The SHF youth would like to invite the 49'ers for some fun and fellowship on Sunday, October 20, from 5 – 7 p.m. We will start out by sampling an assortment of soups and desserts, then we'll play some Bingo. This is a great opportunity for both generations to get to know each other better. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Heather or sign up on the sheet at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center.

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