



# Welcome to Worship

September 22, 2024

9:00 and 11:10 in the Sanctuary

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

Praeludium and Arioso from "Sonata in Baroque Style"

Gordon Young

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

### SILENT MEDITATION

"We must not portray you in king's robes, you drifting mist that brought forth the morning. Once again from the old paintboxes we take the same gold scepter and crown that has disguised you through the ages. Piously we produce our images of you till they stand around you like a thousand walls. And when our hearts would simply open, our fervent hands hide you." Rainer Maria Rilke

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us gather and behold the Glory of God:

**The God who gave shape to the formless void.**

Let us gather and celebrate the Holy Ghost:

**The Wind that swept across the face of the waters.**

Let us gather and speak the Living Word:

**The Word that spoke across the darkness and said, "Let there be light."**

**Let us worship God!**

## PRAISE AND ADORATION

### \*HYMN #1

(\*Please stand, if you are able)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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## CONFESSION AND PARDON

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION


Almighty God, we confess that we do not always welcome the "least of these" in our midst. You have told us that greatness is defined by its service to others. Yet in thought and deed we close ourselves off to this Truth. We close ourselves off from You and those who need help. Even when our intentions are pure, we erringly seek a false greatness. Forgive us. Help us to open ourselves up to you and to others.

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

**KYRIE ELEISON #575**

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

KYRIE ELEISON (Pardini)



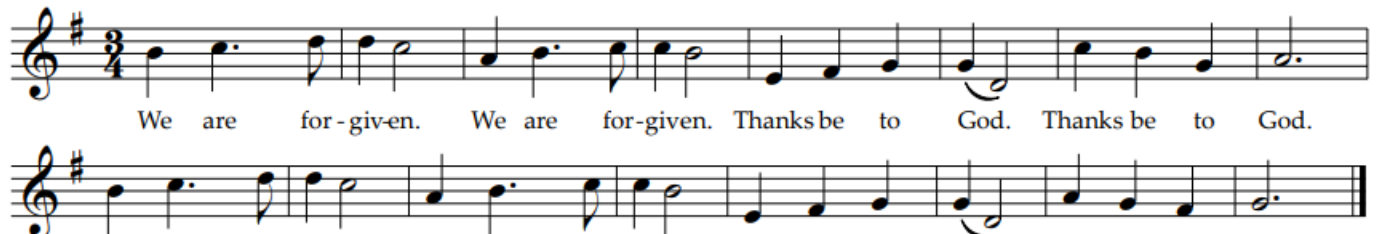
Lord, have mer - cy up - on\_ us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on\_ us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on\_ us.

**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**

*During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman*

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EPISTLE READING**

James 3:13-18; 4:7-8

page 982 of the pew Bible

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

**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**

In the Garden (9:00)

C. Austin Miles; arr. Gary Lanier

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake (11:10)

Richard Farrant

**PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 9:30-37

page 821 of the pew Bible

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of people chosen by God. The Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, who have communion and society with God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost.

### \*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.

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

Here I Am, Lord (9:00)  
In Thee Is Gladness (11:10)

David Howard Pettit  
Paul Manz

### \*DOXOLOGY (#607)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit, evermore; praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, your Holy Word tells us that from dust we came, and to dust we shall return. So it is with our blessings. For just as we have received our blessings by your grace, so we give gracefully back to you in order to bless others. We pray that your will be done with what we give. Amen.

### \*HYMN #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDECTION

### \*BENEDECTION RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace (9:00)  
(words on next page)

Don Besig

Go Now in Peace (9:00)

Go now in peace. Ne - ver be a - fraid. God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day. Go now in faith, steadfaststrongand true. Know God will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you be - lieve. Reach out to oth-ers so all the world can see. God will be there watch - ing from a - bove. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. A - men. A - men. A - men.

Go Forth into the World in Peace (11:10)

John Rutter

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Paul Manz

**SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY**

**Music** 9:00 Avery Fuller, trumpet; Mark Kanitz, organ  
11:10 Chamber Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ

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

**Ushers** 9:00 Darold Bauer, Captain; Mimi Bauer, Mike Shannon, Doug Rathman  
11:10 Dennis Boesen, Captain; Amy Boesen, Alta Empkey, Tim Jerry, Zach Metzger

**Greeters** 9:00 North Door: Kristin Jacobi Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson  
11:10 North Door: John and Bobbi Dyer Welcome Center Door: Nancy Anderson

**Information Center** 9:00 Kathy Nickel 11:10 Nancy Koehler

**Coffee Host** Roger Utman

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# Announcements

For the week of September 22, 2024

## The Week at a Glance

### Sunday, September 22

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

### Monday, September 23

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Session Meeting in Welcome Center

### Tuesday, September 24

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 1:30 Active Minds
- 5:00 Vespers Board and Ambassadors Gathering
- 7:30 Vesper Board Meeting
- 6:30 Cross Care

### Wednesday, September 25

- 5:15 Children's Choir
- 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 26

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

### Sunday, September 29

- 9-2 Deacon Blood Drive
- 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
- 12:00 Peace Maker Luncheon with Dumitru Roibu
- 2:30 JHF to Skinny Bones Pumpkin Patch
- 6:00 SHF to Bellevue Berry Farm

## Joys and Concerns.

The flowers in the chancel are given by Gena Marks in memory of her husband, Bob, on his birthday and also by Diane and Kevin Wetuski in memory of her mother and father, Madeline and Ross Stebbins on their anniversary, September 26.

**The Rose in the Chancel today is to celebrate the birth** of Faythe Harrison's new great-granddaughter, Lily Jane Koch, born on September 16 to parents Sarah and Carlson Koch.

## Sunday Adult Education

**Theologians, Composers, Spirituality and Icons of Sacred Music**, led by Cindy Sloan, continues at 10:00 today. 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? 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

We are off to a great start! We always welcome new singers, so join us in the Sanctuary today 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.

**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." To date, we have donated over \$5,000!

## Coming next Sunday - 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).



## **International Peacemaker visits PCOC next Sunday, 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.

## **Junior and Senior High Sunday School Room Change on September 29**

Both the Junior and Senior High Sunday School Classes will meet in Room 15 on Sunday, September 29, at 10:00 a.m to hear from Dimu Roibu.

## **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 October...**

### **49ER's on October 1**

Our program for Tuesday, October 1 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. Everyone 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 – begins Thursday, October 3**

**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 in the Welcome Center classroom.

### **Serve with Heartland Hope Mission on October 5**

Our local pantry mission partner for over 15 years, is offering our congregation an opportunity to serve others in need in our community on the first Saturday of every month at the West Omaha location (15555 Industrial

Road) 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our next opportunity will be Saturday, October 5th. Some of the duties include pre-packing food items, stocking groceries or hygiene items, assisting the clients as they select their groceries, and escorting the client to their cars with their food. You could also help in the clothing area.

### **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.



### **Heartland Hope Mission "The Stars Among Us" Gala October 10**

Heartland Hope Mission will be holding their annual fundraiser gala dinner "*The Stars Among Us*" on Thursday, October 10 beginning at 6pm at the Downtown Omaha Hilton. PCOC has a table for 10 reserved for a fabulous barbeque dinner and short program. If interested in either of these HHM opportunities, please contact John Bennett. Thank you for your continuing support of Heartland Hope Mission!

### **Friday Night Gourmet is October 11**

The next Friday Night Gourmet Dinner will be on October 11 in the party room of Charlie's On the Lake, 4150 S. 144 Street, Omaha. Social hour is at 6:30 pm with a buffet dinner beginning at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$45 per person (this includes tax and gratuity) which is required at time of sign-up. Checks should be made out to PCOC, or you can pay with cash. All are welcome to join us for an enjoyable evening. Please sign up at the Information Desk. The deadline is October 7. Our hosts are Susan Price, and Nancy Koehler. Feel free to call with any questions.

### **Presbyterian Men on October 12**

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 on 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, at noon 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.

**Vesper Concerts Annual Outdoor Concert is Sunday, October 13 at 4:30 p.m. — a Mariachi Festival!**

Bring your lawn chairs and your appetite and join us on the East lawn for our annual outdoor concert. This year's musical guests will be Alexis Arai y Sus Caballeros, who will entertain us with an afternoon of Mariachi music. Javi's Tacos will bring their food truck and serve tacos, quesadillas, churros and ice cream. The first fifteen children under the age of 12 will receive a free churro!

### **Dust Off Your Instruments and Join the All-Church Orchestra**

Open to all instrumentalists in 7<sup>th</sup> grade through adult. If you play a brass, woodwind, string, or percussion instrument, we'd love to have you join us. We will rehearse on Wednesday, October 23, from 5:15 – 6:00 p.m., plus an optional rehearsal on October 16 (same time). Then, we'll play at the 11:10 worship service on October 27. Please sign up on the church website as soon as possible. Contact Kristi Treu or Patty Ritchie if you have questions.

### **SHF Invites Adults 55+ to Bingo and Soup**

The SHF youth would like to invite folks who are 55+ 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.

### **And Coming in November...**

Save the date for our Autumn Clean Up Day, Saturday, November 9, from 9:00 to noon. Your help is needed to rake leaves and clean up our landscaped areas to spruce up our beautiful grounds.



### **Seen around town...**

In gratitude for the support that so many of our church members have shown to the All Play Miracle Baseball League, our church logo now holds a permanent position on their outfield sign! All Play is a special non-competitive baseball league for children with special needs with over 500 players in 2023 on over 32 teams. Over 125 volunteers are needed each game day. Their beautiful sports complex is located in Seymour Smith Park, at 6802 Harrison Street in Omaha. "Everyone deserves the chance play baseball!"

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