



# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, March 30, 2025  
9:00 and 11:10 in the Sanctuary

## Gathering in God's Name

**Prelude**

A Lenten Prelude

Charles Callahan

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

### Silent Meditation

Jesus, you are my true friend. You take part in all of my misfortunes; you take them on yourself. You know how to change them into blessings. You listen to me with the greatest kindness when I relate my trouble to you, and you always have balm to pour on my wounds. I find you at all times, I find you everywhere, I find you wherever I go. You never weary of listening to me. You are never tired of doing good to me.

*St. Claude La Colombiere (1641-1682)*

### Call to Worship: the Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**



FOURTH SUNDAY  
*In Lent*

## Praise and Adoration

**\*Opening Hymn #224**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ROCKINGHAM

(\*Please stand, if you are able)

## Confession and Pardon

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, we come to you acknowledging that we do not always deal with others as you deal with us. When we err, we hope for grace and mercy. With the errs of others, we are prone to hope for judgment and justice. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the wisdom and the patience to be for others as you would have us be. Help us to be an example in a world that needs us to be good.

### Silent Prayers of Confession and Petition



Lord Je-sus, think on me, and purge a-way my sin. From earth-born pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with-in.

## Assurance of Pardon

### \*Welcome

*During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for their time with Rev. Garry.*

## Time for Young Disciples

## Announcements

## Moment for Mission

Julie Evers, for Camp Calvin Crest

# 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

Song of the Wanderer (9:00)  
Stay with Us (11:10)

Dan Forrest  
Egil Hovland

## The Old Testament Reading

Psalm 32

page 440 of the pew Bible

## Hymn #446

How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions

MEIRIONYDD

# Proclamation of God's Word

## Scripture Lesson

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

page 850 of the pew Bible

## Sermon

"Decisions, Decisions"

Rev. Garry

# Our Response to God's Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Westminster Confession of Faith 6.015; 6.059*

We believe that although God knows whatsoever may or can come to pass, upon all supposed conditions; yet hath he not decreed anything because he foresaw it as future, or as that which would come to pass, upon such conditions. We believe that God hath endued the will of humankind with that natural liberty, that it is neither forced, nor by any absolute necessity of nature determined to good or evil.

**\*Sanctus (#569)**

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (Oliver)

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the highest.  
 Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high-est. —

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory**

It Is Well with My Soul (9:00)

arr. Craig Courtney

The Joy of Thy Salvation (11:10)

Daniel E. Gawthrop

*Commissioned by the choirs of Presbyterian Church of the Cross in honor of forty years of service*

*by Organist & Choir Director Dana Sloan*

**\*Doxology (#608)**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be - low;  
 praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri-une God, whome we a - dore.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, it is said that you work in mysterious ways. And yet it is no mystery to us that you have blessed us greatly. And yet it is no mystery to us that we should bless others greatly. So it is in Your name that we commit these tithes and offerings to you, asking that Your will be done. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Dedication #418**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

I Love to Tell the Story

Charles Ore

## SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

<b>Music</b>	9:00	Sarah Frederickson, soprano; Mary Lynn Bennet, flute; Mark Kanitz, organ	
	11:10	Mary Lynn Bennet, flute; Alleluia Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ	
<b>Childcare Ministry</b>		Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster	
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00	Mike Shannon, Captain; Sherryl Shannon, Darold Bauer, Mimi Bauer, Doug Rathman	
	11:10	Neal Hubbard, Captain; Richard Meyer, Trudy Meyer, Barbara Thompson	
<b>Greeters</b>	9:00	North Door: Owen and Karen Saunders	Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson
	11:10	North Door: Tim and Kris Goodman	Welcome Center Door: Paula Hazelrigg
<b>Information Center</b>	9:00	Mary Ann Pederson	11:10: Pam Swenson
<b>Coffee Host</b>	10:00	Linda Miller	

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# Announcements

For the week of March 30, 2025

## The Week at a Glance

### **Sunday, March 30**

9:00 Worship  
10:00 Coffee, Kids and Youth SS Classes  
10:00 Lenten Study  
11:10 Worship  
2-6:30 JHF Tree Rush  
4:45 SHF Games  
5:00 Lenten Study

### **Monday, March 31**

9 & 11 Music and Movement  
10:00 Tai Chi  
1:30 Lenten Study

### **Tuesday, April 1**

7:30 Men's Bible Study  
9:30 Staff Meeting  
11:30 49ers at Wheatfield's  
1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study  
1:30 Active Minds  
4:00 Congregational Life Committee  
5:30 Chamber Singers  
6:30 Alleluia Singers

### **Wednesday, April 2**

7:00 Vesper Donor Night

### **Thursday, April 3**

9 & 11 Music and Movement  
9:30 Presbyterian Women Bible Study  
10:00 Tai Chi  
7:00 Lenten Study  
7:00 Vesper Concert

### **Sunday, April 6**

9:00 Worship  
10:00 Coffee, Kids and Youth SS Classes  
10:00 Lenten Study  
11:10 Worship  
12:15 New Member Discussion  
4:45 SHF May Baskets  
4:45 JHF Games  
5:00 Lenten Study

**Joys and Concerns.** The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Clarence and Jean Waters in honor of our PCOC Staff and also by Linda Grohs in memory of her husband, Jim Grohs.

John King fell this week and will be rehabilitating at the VA Hospital in Grand Island. Patti Ritchie had hip replacement surgery last week and is recuperating at home. Doug Patten is navigating some health concerns at the VA Hospital.

### **Children's Worship Kits**

Parents, be sure to pick up worship kits for your children on the way to worship on Sunday mornings (located on a cart in the Narthex). There are two types of kits: for ages 3 – 6, and ages 7+. These kits contain paper, crayons, pencils, and children's bulletins that help children follow along during the service. After worship, return the bags to the cart so they can be restocked and ready for next Sunday.

**49ers on Tuesday, April 1.** Our program for Tuesday, will be Josh Planos, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations at Better Business Bureau of the Midwest Plains. He will speak about "Scam Prevention," covering key strategies to protect yourself from scams, what to be on the lookout for, in today's increasingly digital world, and how to safeguard your finances and personal information. The lunch location is Wheatfields, One Pacific Place, at 11:30 a.m. 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.

**Tuesday Bible Studies Resume this Week.** Join us at 7:00 am (men) or 1:00pm (everyone) this Tuesday, April 1. No foolin'!

**Easter Flower Sign Up.** The Easter Flower sign-up is available online or forms are available at the Information Desk. The deadline is March 31.

**Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations.** We are accepting donations of individually wrapped candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19. Look for the plastic tote by the Information Desk to drop off your candy. Thanks!

### **Active Minds**

Canasta will be the game for April at the Active Minds Fellowship Group. Join us when your schedule allows: Tuesdays, 1:30-4:00pm. Lower level Great Room. New players and friends are welcome. We have very patient teachers. Feel free to stop by after Tuesday Bible Study. Questions? Contact Earlene Uhrig.

**Thinking about membership at PCOC?** A New Member Discussion will be held on April 6, directly following the second worship service. This is an opportunity to learn more about Presbyterian Church of the Cross and to ask questions as you explore the decision to join our congregation. A light lunch will be served so please call the church office or fill out the online form. Let us know of any dietary restrictions. Meet in the Courtyard classroom in the Welcome Center at approximately 12:15.

**Communion Class for Children.** Parents and children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to participate in our Communion Class to learn about the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The class will take place on Wednesday, April 9, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Any older children who were unable to attend this class before may also join us. Dinner is included and childcare is available. Registration ends today. Click here to register:



**Creating a Masterpiece.** You are invited to Omaha Street School's Fundraising Gala, "Creating a Masterpiece" on April 15. Our goal this year is to fill three tables! Sign-up today on the church website or at the Information Desk! Reserve your spot by April 4.



### **"Ryan & Ryan" is Coming to Vesper Concerts**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. for Ryan & Ryan, a dynamic father/son piano duo. Their concert is called "Kickin' the Clouds Away" and provides a delightful mix of classical crossover, jazz, ragtime, gospel, and blues. Find more information at [vesperconcerts.org](http://vesperconcerts.org). As always, this concert is free for all to attend.

### **Attend the Movie "Divisible" on Tuesday, April 8.**

Many have already signed up to see the documentary film, "Divisible" to be shown at the Omaha Conservatory of Music on Tuesday April 8 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We hope more of you will join us for this documentary, explaining the history, mechanics, and ramifications of redlining in our city, which was prevalent in the last century. Thanks to sponsorships from churches, including Church of the Cross and the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley, tickets are free. You just need to register in advance either online at <https://bit.ly/OmahaRedlining> or following this QR code. If you don't use a computer or want to carpool, there is a signup sheet at the Information Desk.



**Summer Fun for Children and Youth.** We don't want you to miss out on our summer activities at Church of the Cross. Put these dates on your calendar now: Vacation Bible School is July 15 - 17, 9 a.m. to Noon, and Art & Music Camp is August 5 – 8, 9 – Noon & 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

**Spotlight on our Library** Stop by our library to check out a book. For April, books by our members are on display. Or choose from 53 "Agape" books on social issues, or 56 biographies, or over 600 children's books!

**Tables for Eight – Spring/Summer Session 2025** The deadline for new registrations or making a change for the spring/summer session (May, June, July, and August) is April 10. If you are currently in Tables for Eight as a "Regular" or a "Sub", you will automatically be reassigned to a new group or stay a "Sub. However, if you choose not to participate or want to change your current status," contact Pam Otto or [pottomt@cox.net](mailto:pottomt@cox.net). New "Regular" participants or "Substitutes" (couples or singles) are always welcome to join this fellowship opportunity. "Tables for Eight Registration Form" is on the Website [www.churchofthecrossomaha.org](http://www.churchofthecrossomaha.org).

### **Camp Calvin Crest.**

Hey Parents – are you wondering what to do with your kids this summer? Check out Camp Calvin Crest and give them the opportunity to learn more about God and their faith in a fun, outdoor adventure! Visit [www.calvincrest.camp](http://www.calvincrest.camp) to learn more!