



Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Duo

G.G. Gastoldi

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

Silent Meditation

"I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians of England."

John Wesley

"Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children." William Makepeace Thackeray

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

We delight in God's Word, we meditate on God day and night.

Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water.

God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.

Praise and Adoration

*Hymn #14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

(*Please stand, if you are able)

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison (#551)

"Lord, Have Mercy"

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

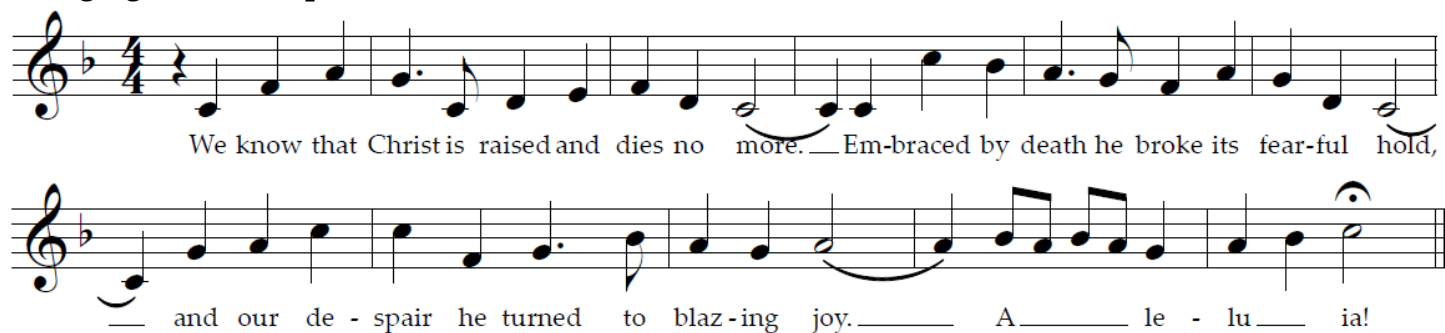
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Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response (#485)

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG



Welcome

During the welcome, children are invited to come forward.

Time for Young Disciples

*Hymn #250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

Announcements

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

Acts 9: 36-43

page 894 of the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Who Do You Want to Be Like?"

Dr. Zieman

Prayer

Our Response to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Divertimento (9:00)

G.F. Haydn

The Lord Is My Shepherd (11:10)

Allen Pote

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Memorial Acclamations

Memorial Acclamations are essentially short creeds, summaries of the work of Christ that we remember and proclaim at the Lord's Supper.

Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

According to Jesus' commandments:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

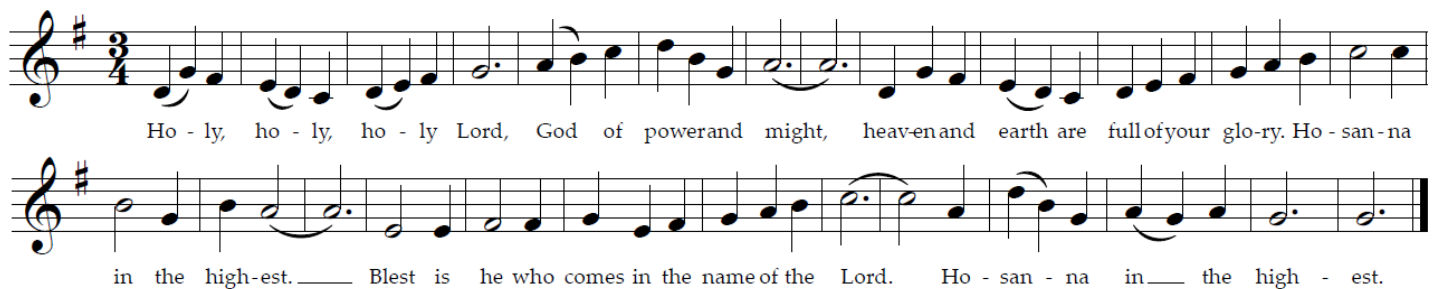
Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory!

*Sanctus (#572)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)



The Words of Institution

The 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 Anthem

Andante (9:00)

W.A. Mozart

In Holy Reverence, Lord, We Come (11:10)

Lloyd Larson

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 #324

For All the Faithful Women

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*Charge and Benediction

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

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| Liturgist | Anne Wattles, Reserve Elder | | |
| Music | 9:00 | Bill & Patty Ritchie, double bass and cello; Mark Kanitz, organ | |
| | 11:10 | Bill & Patty Ritchie, double bass and cello; Alleluia Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ | |
| Childcare Ministry | Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster | | |
| Elders Serving Communion | | | |
| | 9:00 | Brenda & Tim Graumann, Marsha & Gary Marron, Brad Burch, Anne Wattles | |
| | 11:10 | Barb Scanlan, Cindy Rieke, Mike Howland, Alta Empkey, Kristin Jacobi, Anne Wattles | |
| Ushers | 9:00 | Jim Miller, Captain; Linda Miller, Gary and Marsha Marron, Frank McMullen | |
| | 11:10 | Tim Goodman, Captain; Kris Goodman, Judy Sundberg, Barb and Dan Scanlan | |
| Greeters | 9:00 | North Door: Laura Duncan | Welcome Center Door: Judy Thomas |
| | 11:10 | North Door: Charles and Ruth Madison | Welcome Center Door: Donna Turner |
| Information Center | 9:00 | Mary Ann Pederson | 11:10 Judy Arms |
| Coffee Host | Earlene Uhrig | | |

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Announcements

For the week of May 11, 2025

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day

- 9:00 Worship with Communion
- 10:00 Coffee, Kids and Youth SS Classes
- 11:10 Worship with Communion
- 11-3 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's
- 4:45 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House
- No JHF/SHF Fellowship

Monday, May 12

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Christian Education Committee

Tuesday, May 13

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 1:30 Active Minds
- 5:00 Membership Committee
- 6:30 Mission Committee

Wednesday, May 14

- 5:30 Chamber Singers
- 6:30 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, May 15

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement

Friday, May 16 Cross Currents Deadline

Sunday, May 18 Pantry Sunday & CE Recognition

- 9:00 Worship with CE Recognition
- 10:00 Coffee and CE Volunteer Reception
- 10:00 Senior High Mission Trip Meeting
- 11:10 Worship with CE Recognition

Worship Services at 9:00 & 11:10 a.m.
Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship at 10 a.m.
Office Hours: 9:00 to 4:30 Monday-Friday

Joys & Concerns.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Neal and Charlotte Hubbard in memory of their mothers.

The rosebud in the chancel is to celebrate the birth of Lyla Mae Roberts, born on May 5 to Sarah Price and J.D. Roberts. Lyla is the granddaughter of Susan & Paul Price, and the great-granddaughter of Nancy Koehler. Congrats to everyone!

Rev. Josh Garry is away today, celebrating the wedding of his brother.

Today is one of the last Sundays Bill & Patty Ritchie will lead us in worship, as they are retiring and moving back to Bill's home town in Michigan. Make sure to greet them and thank them for their 28 years of service at PCOC in so many meaningful ways!

Make an impact for young people through the Pentecost Offering April 21 – June 8, 2025



Support young people nationally, internationally and even in our own community through ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). PCOC youth retain 40% of the offering our congregation receives to help children, youth and young adults in our own community. Nationally, this offering supports The Presbyterian Youth Triennium, which is happening this summer for youth all across the country, as well as other programs, such as PCUSA's Young Adult Volunteer Program and the Educate a Child Transform the World, a national initiative which seeks to improve the quality of public education for children in the U.S. and globally so that all God's children may grow into the fullness of life. You can use a blue pew envelope for your offering, making your check out to PCOC and writing Pentecost Offering in the memo line.

Today is PCOC DAY at Don & Millie's!

Treat your mom and join us between 11-3 today at the West Center & 108th Street location. 20% of every dollar spent on food and beverages will go toward our Junior High Mission Trip next summer. This is yet another way you can support the youth of our church and enjoy a meal that you don't have to prepare or clean up! Be sure to mention Presbyterian Church of the Cross when your order is placed.



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.

Active Minds. Active Minds Fellowship Group will be learning a card game called **Rook** in May. This uses a special Rook deck, it is an easier game, and great for visiting grandkids and family this summer. 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.



PCOC Book Group Meets on May 21.

The PCOC Book Group will meet May 21 in The Courtyard Room from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. to review *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan. All readers are welcome! Questions? Contact Charlotte Hubbard.

Spotlight on our Library

During May the window display will include books set in the Omaha Area. The authors included are Coach Osborne, Lee and Bill Sapp, Preston Love, and Dirk Chatelain. Stop by our library to check out a book.

Summer Fun for Children and Youth.

We don't want you to miss out on our summer activities at Church of the Cross! Register Online Now:

Vacation Bible School is July 15 - 17, 9 a.m. to noon
Art & Music Camp is August 5 – 8, 9:00 – noon & 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.



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 to learn more!



What is Synod School?

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. Held in Storm Lake, Iowa July 20-25, the week is designed for laity, clergy, individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth and children. People come from all over the country with their friends and families to share in this week of worship, study, play and life together.



Synod School is an opportunity to learn something new to continue conversations begun by key speakers with others over meals or a board game, to share talents of creativity and music, to worship without being in charge,

to be energized for service and enjoy not having to cook for a week! To learn more about Synod School go to www.lakesandprairies.org and click on "Synod School" or contact Annie Wattles.

Mighty Kids Meet Giving Goals!

The first few months of 2025 found our youth givers donating their weekly offerings towards bunnies and hutches. Each set was \$100, and they have successfully raised the first \$200 to purchase these. Next, it was decided to include two Fishing Kits for \$75 each. They are well on their way to having the second Fishing Kit completely paid for with their MIGHTY GIVING! Awesome young people in our congregation.

Small Scale Fishers rely on their catch for income and for food. Each kit includes a fishing net, line and fish-finding radars. Our youth are amazingly generous each week. If you have a young person in your family, simply use a blue envelope and mark "youth giving."



New Learning Series begins May 25 – Behold the Beauty of the Lord

This series will enrich our congregation and community through interactive discussions and presentations from visual artists, composers, musicians, architects, dancers, writers, and poets from our church and the larger community of Omaha. The artists will discuss how their artistic creativity informs their faith and how their faith manifests itself in their creative pursuits.

Goals:

- Introduce our congregation/community to the wonderful artists among us in our congregation.
- Learn how these artists create their works and how their creations reflect the beauty of God and understanding of God.
- Welcome new ways we can incorporate creative arts into our own faith journeys and communities.
- Introduce participants to the art of other faith traditions, through special guest presenters.
- Welcome people from other faith traditions to our church. Build cultural bridges.

Lloyd Meyer is our first presenter in our new series! Lloyd will present:

**Architecture: Seeking Spiritual Peace, Sunday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m. (after the 10:00 service)
in the Courtyard Classroom in the Welcome Center**

Lloyd views architecture as poetry without words. He holds a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Architecture and Design and a bachelor's from the University of Nebraska in architecture. Before retiring Lloyd worked for the Leo A. Daley Architectural and Engineering Firm for 42 years, of which 17 were at the helm of the Omaha office. We hope you will join us! Register online now!

Vesper Concerts Season 37 REVEAL!

Have you been wondering about the exciting, inspiring, and electrifying performances in store for our next season? We'll reveal it all on June 1 in our email newsletter, on our website at vesperconcerts.org, and on Facebook and Instagram. Make sure you're on our email list by signing up on our website. Would you like a brochure mailed to you? Send Kristi your mailing address at kristi@pcoc.us.



49ers on June 3

Our program for Tuesday, June 3 will be Amanda Stastny. Amanda owns and operates Bumbling Bee Native Wildflowers where she grows native, pollinator friendly garden plants from seeds out of her home. These plants are Nebraska or regionally native and existed here before the European settlers arrived, which means they have important interactions with our insect populations, for example, serving as host plants for butterflies. Amanda has been featured in the Omaha World Herald for her expertise. 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.

Presbyterian Men – June 6 Workday at Camp Calvin Crest from 8am – 4pm

Each year we help Camp Calvin Crest to get ready for summer camps by performing a few projects. This year they need us to help with these projects: 1) Replace & staple screens in 6 bunkhouses at Ranch Camp. 2) Replace flexible ductwork under Cabin 8 in a crawl space. 3) Split the firewood and stack in piles. If you are interested, please sign up at the Information Center in the Welcome Center or Reply to Jon Boomgaarden. We will carpool (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. - Jon Boomgaarden

2025 Bible Reading Adventure

May is here. This year, that means not only spring weather and many blooming flowers but also accounts of the kings of Israel and stories of some of Paul's problems with the church in Corinth.

The Old Testament readings this month continue with Second Samuel to tell us the story of David's kingship. Together, we will discover that he is a complex person. While David is remembered later as Israel's ideal king, it is obvious that in addition to some exceptionally good qualities, he also has some major character flaws. Note how David's own inability to curb his predilection for women results in a household that is anything but harmonious. Nevertheless, we will detect something in David's heart that is good and praiseworthy, a core of faithfulness and trust that is exemplary and draws God's love: he is, after all, a "man after (God's) heart" (1 Samuel 13:14).

Most of the New Testament readings this month will be in 1 Corinthians. The Corinthian Christians had great potential, but they had many problems too. You may notice a tone of distress, and sometimes anguish, in Paul's writing. An underlying difficulty was pride. Divisions were deep and sharp, and scandals sometimes rocked the church. It is refreshing to realize that some beautiful passages in the letter are composed as Paul is trying to bring relief to a not-so-pleasant situation. Take time to let the words sink in over the next couple of weeks. It is never too late to pick up your Bible and join us in the journey of reading your Bible daily.

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