



Gathering in God's Name

Prelude An American Tribute: A Suite of Patriotic Songs, Mvmt. 1 Robert J. Powell
As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

Silent Meditation

And you wait, you wait for that one thing that will infinitely enlarge your life; the gigantic, the stupendous, the awakening of stones, depths turned round toward you. The volumes bound in rust and gold flicker dimly on the shelves; and you think of lands traveled across, of paintings, of the clothes of women found and lost. And then suddenly you know: it was *then*. You rise, and before you stands the fear and prayer and shape of a vanished year. *Memory, Rainer Maria Rilke*

Call to Worship

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us!

May God make his face shine upon us!

May God's way be known upon all of the earth!

May God's saving power be known among all the nations!

Let the peoples praise you, O God!

Let the nations be glad and sing with joy!

Let us worship God!

Praise and Adoration

***Hymn #326**

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

(*Please stand, if you are able)

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Loving God, we come to You confessing that we do not always remember the things we should. How quickly we forget what is good in the face of hardship. How tightly we hold onto the offenses of others where we would ask for forgiveness. How often we revisit what "could have been" instead of learning from what has come to pass. Forgive us, Lord. Let our memories come from the soul, and not the body. Open our eyes to Your Kingdom, where it remains unseen before us. 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.

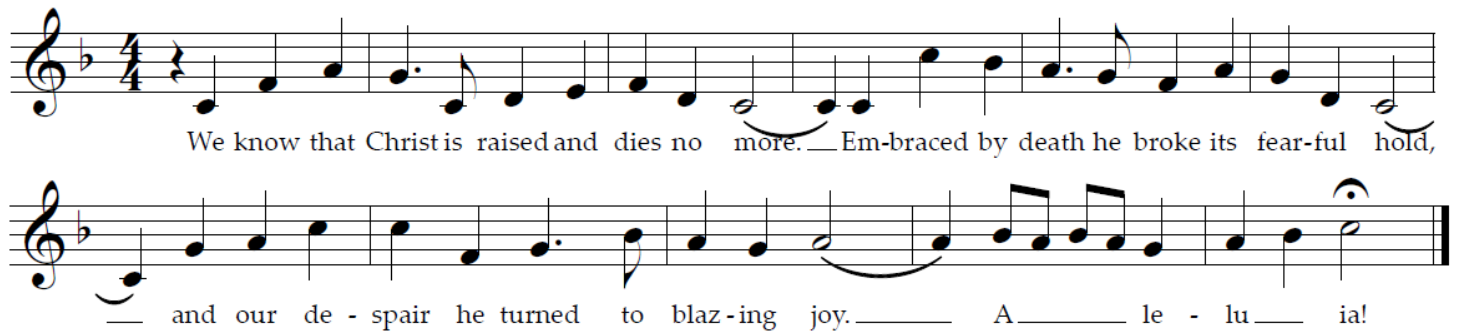
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Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response (#485)

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG



Welcome

During the Welcome, children are invited to come forward.

Time for Young Disciples

Announcements

Commissioning of the Senior High Mission Trip

Anthem

Waft her, angels, through the skies from *Jeptha*

G.F. Handel

A plea for God's protection

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

If Ye Love Me

Philip Stopford

Text from John 14: 15-17

Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Joshua 4:1-9

page 170 of the pew Bible

Sermon

"A Memorial Forever"

Rev. Garry

Our Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

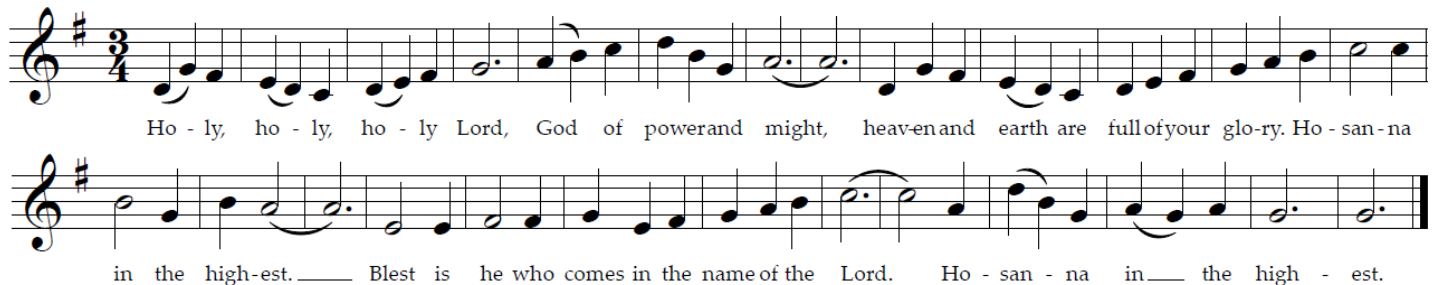
Declaration of Barmen, 8.11-8.13

We believe that Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God, which we have to hear, and which we have to trust and obey in life and death. We reject false doctrine: we reject the notion that the church would acknowledge as a source of proclamation any event, power, figure, or truth, that does not come from the Word of God. We believe in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification, our redemption. Amen.

*Sanctus (#572)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)



Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Shall We Gather at the River
Robert Lowry; arr. David Lantz III

*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, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we know that you see us. We know that you remember us. You have blessed us beyond measure. Let these tithes and offerings be a way that we see others, a way of showing others that they are not forgotten. Let your will be done. Let your sheep be fed. Amen.

*Hymn #475

Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response	God Be with You Till We Meet Again	Tomer; arr. Joseph Graham
Postlude	A Suite of Patriotic Songs, Mvmt. 3	Robert J. Powell

Serving in Ministry Today

Music	Chamber Singers; Sebastian Sorensen, tenor; Mark Kanitz, organ
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster
Ushers	Sherryl and Mike Shannon, Darold and Mimi Bauer
Greeters	North Door: Dave and Mary Ann Pederson Welcome Center Door: Sue Meusey
Information Center	Susan Price
Coffee Host	Don Metzger

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Announcements

For the week of May 25, 2025

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 25

- 10:00 Worship
- Commission Senior High Mission Trip
- 11:00 Behold the Beauty of the Lord Class
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 26

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 1:30 Active Minds
- 6:00 Cross Care

Thursday, May 29

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

Sunday, June 1

- Senior High Depart for Mission Trip
- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship & the Pancake Man

Summer Schedule May 25 – August 31

Single Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship at 11 a.m.

No Sunday school

Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Joys & Concerns.

Gladys Kuster passed away on May 21. Gladys was 98 years old, and a member of PCOC for 50 years. Her funeral arrangements are pending.

Summer Hours. Beginning today, summer worship is held at 10:00 a.m. only, and there is no Sunday School. Tomorrow, May 26, the office is closed in observance of Memorial Day. Beginning Tuesday, May 27, our summer office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

New Learning Series begins today – “Behold the Beauty of the Lord.” Lloyd Meyer is our first presenter in our new series!

**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!

Do I Smell Pancakes? Not yet, but next Sunday, June 1, you will! Join us in the



Fellowship Hall for the Pancake Man after the worship service. The cost is \$5.00 per person and \$20.00 maximum per family. Proceeds will go to supply children's clothing to Foster Love, a group which supports foster families.

SHF Mission Trip is June 1-7

Our SHF youth group is going on an incredible mission trip to Estes Park, Colorado, in the first week of June. We will work together to restore a community labyrinth—a sacred space for prayer, reflection, and peace – at Pastor Christine's church, Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies. We will be staying at the YMCA of the Rockies, which is nestled in the breathtaking beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park. It will provide an amazing setting for service, fellowship, and personal growth. As we dedicate our time to restoring the labyrinth, we will also deepen our faith, strengthen friendships, and embrace the joy of giving back.

While our primary mission is to serve, we will also take time to enjoy the incredible surroundings! Our group will experience the beauty of Colorado through horseback riding, hiking, and even a thrilling mountain coaster ride. Through hard work, prayer, community engagement, and of course some fun, this trip will be an unforgettable experience. We ask our church family to keep us in prayer while we are away. Please pray for safe travels, a meaningful experience, and that our work may be a blessing to the community we are serving. Your prayers will sustain and encourage us as we embark on this journey of faith and service.

Active Minds. In May, Active Minds Fellowship Group has been learning a card game called **Rook**. 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.

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.

Coming Staff Changes

The month of June will bring the retirement of Julie Hansen, our wonderful, long-time Office Administrator. Coming to PCOC is Annika Shaw, to fill the role of Office Administrator and occupy the newly-created role of Community Engagement Coordinator. This new role will manage our growing communication efforts – print, digital, social media, website, and more. Read more about it in the upcoming June edition of Cross Currents.

We are so thankful for the many ways Julie has served our church for 32 years! Julie says she is “really ready” to retire now and is happy to have Annika coming on board. They both will overlap in early June, so you might hear either of their voices on the phone for a few weeks.



Summer Fun for PCOC Children and Youth.

We don't want you to miss out on our summer activities!

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.



Register Now!

Vesper Concerts Season 37 REVEAL on June 1!

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 – Friday, 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

Mighty Kids Meet Giving Goals!

The first few months of 2025 found our youth givers donating their weekly offerings towards bunnies and hutches and then fishing equipment. That being said, the Mighty Kids have given over \$350 towards those two efforts already. Our next pledge effort is to raise another \$300 for the Egg a Day Pledge. This offering will give a Family of Chickens every month for a year and make a difference in the lives of those who don't have easy access to a healthy and nourishing diet. Eggs can also be a valuable source of income providing money to purchase other food for the table.

Our youth are amazingly generous each week as they understand they help others they have never met. Each week as Sunday School begins this is a talking point. If you have a young person in your family, simply use a blue envelope, write their name, and mark "youth giving."



The Year of the Bible

As 1 Kings opens, Solomon follows David to the throne. Solomon comes to be known as the model of wisdom in Israel. Under Solomon, there is peace and growing prosperity in the land. Major building projects, including a temple to God of Israel, are instituted. However, over time, Solomon's use of forced labor angers his people, and his enjoyment of royal luxury annoys them. Moreover, Solomon's great wisdom does not prevent him from unwisely leaving a dangerously divided kingdom to his son Rehoboam. I urge everyone to join in these exciting chapters and learn from Solomon's decisions.



Then, 1 Corinthians contains a completing witness to the hope and assurance that Christ's resurrection offers. If you are wondering about your faith, if you feel a questioning tug within you about whether faith in God really makes sense, read Chapter 15 again and again. There Paul reminds us that God speaks the last word in this mysterious and sometimes disastrous world. The schedule is printed each week in the Friday email or monthly in Cross Currents. See Rock for more details.

Gifts and Memorials

Presbyterian Church of the Cross is fortunate to have a long-standing and functional Gift & Memorial program that allows for memorial funds or individual gifts to be designated for specific items, portions of items, or 'Ongoing Giving Opportunities' from the Session-approved "Gift and Memorial Items List." The items or missions selected are then recognized in worship, the bulletin, and the Memorial Book, where records have been kept since 1957. The following memorial designations and gifts occurred during the past year. These selections are all appreciated, and each will enhance the life of our congregation in a special way.

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Mary Pat Caldwell, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center Tablecloths.
In memory of Dick Cotton, family and friends donated funds for the Welcome Center Kitchen supplies.
In memory of Phyllis Armstrong, Church of the Cross friends donated funds for Welcome Center Tablecloths.
In memory of Roylyn Welch, Church of the Cross friends donated funds for Welcome Center supplies.
In memory of Joan Thorson, Church of the Cross friends donated funds for Welcome Center Plant Decor.
In memory of Ronald Bowers, Church of the Cross family and friends donated funds for the five Triumph Elm trees along the east connecting drive.
In memory of Ronald Bowers, Janey and Scott Bond, and Michelle and Dan Bowers donated funds for the Welcome Center East Gardens.
In memory of Derek Geschwender and other loved ones, Susan Geschwender donated funds for the Swamp White Oak in the east Hearth Room Lawn.

Designated Gifts

The Carol Dworak Estate has given funds towards sixty choir chairs in the Sanctuary.
Carol Sorenson has given funds for the Christian Education Classroom Enhancement Project.
Gary Lippstreu has given funds for the Christian Education Classroom Enhancement Project.
The Carol Dworak Estate has given funds for the Christian Education Classroom Enhancement Project.
Mary Haddock has given funds for the Ron Haddock Memorial Scholarship.

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