



# Welcome to Worship

Sunday, May 4, 2025

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.



## Youth Sunday & Senior High School Recognition

**Prelude** Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain, mvmts. 1 & 2 David Cherwien

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

**Welcome** Veronica Kerr

**Call to Worship** Cadence Fritz

**Leader:** Today, my generation leads us in worship. Listen to our voices as we exalt our God and tell of God's goodness.

**People:** **Your voices are important, and we want to listen. We want you to be heard!**

**Leader:** Come, let us magnify the Lord together!

**People:** **Today, one generation proclaims God's deeds to the next, declaring the power of God. Together, we celebrate God's abundant goodness, mercy, and love. Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn #611** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY  
(\*Please stand if you are able.)

**Prayer of Confession** Brynn Stalnaker

**Leader:** Please join me in the prayer of confession, followed by a time of silent prayer. Let's pray:

**All:** **Almighty God, we are not always people who live by faith. We know that we were created in your image, but we treat ourselves and each other in ways that do not honor your presence within us. We know your laws and your commandments, but we choose to disobey you and to act in ways that harm our neighbors. We hear your call to reach out to those most in need, but instead we turn our backs on them and on you. Forgive us, O God, and help us day by day to become more faithful followers and the people you created us to be. In the name of Christ, we pray. 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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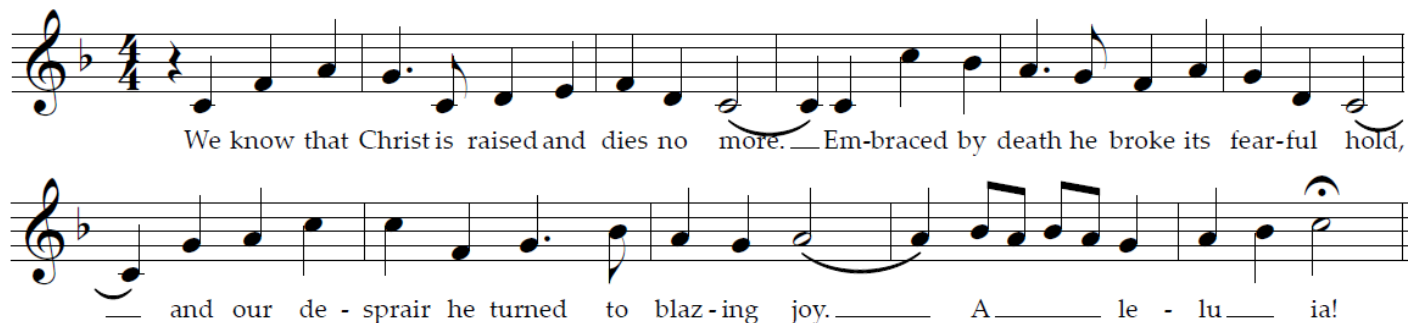
**Assurance of Pardon****Emmie Fuller**

One: God the Creator brings us new life, forgives us, and redeems us. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus!

**All: Thanks be to God!****\*Congregational Response (#485)**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

**Passing the Peace****Time for Young Disciples****Sierra Cunningham and Izzy Piotrowski****Fellowship of Prayer****Announcements, Joys, and Concerns**

Dr. Zieman (9:00), Rev. Garry (11:10)

**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**

Amazing Grace  
Avery Fuller, trumpet

arr. Kevin McKee

**My Journey of Faith****Beckett Friesen****My Journey of Faith****Avery Fuller****My Journey of Faith****Blake Harrison****My Journey of Faith****Henry Spann****My Journey of Faith****Jenna Cunningham****My Journey of Faith****Daley Gibson****Presentation of Senior Gifts****Margaret Knight (9:00) and Cindy Rieke (11:10)**

## Proclamation of God's Word

### A Lesson from the Psalms

Psalms 119: 9-16

Garrett Voss

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

page 493 of the pew Bible

### A Lesson from the Gospels

John 15: 12-17

Paige Stalnaker

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

page 878 of the pew Bible

### Anthem

The Face of God

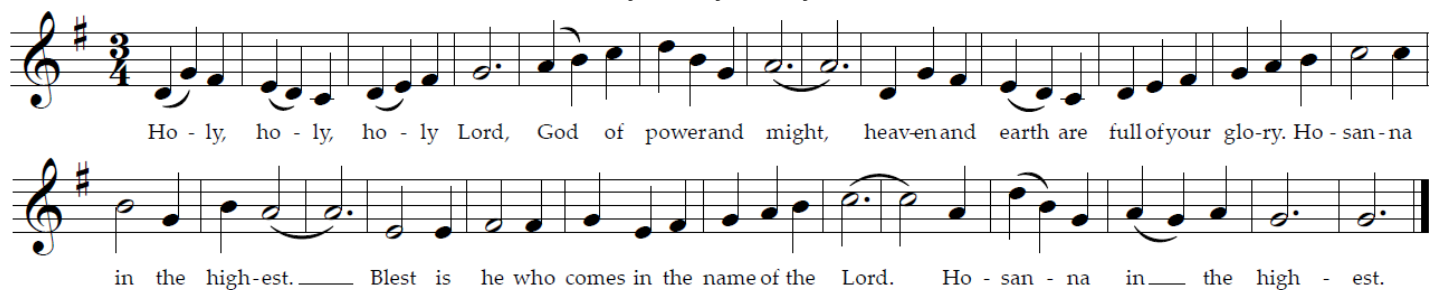
Karen Drucker; arr. Mark Hayes

Cadence Fritz and Sierra Cunningham, duet

### \*Sanctus (#572)

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)



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

### \*Invitation to the Offering

Kendall Kahler

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

Beautiful Savior

arr. R. Gardner; adapt. Jason Bergman

Avery Fuller, trumpet and Valerie Fuller, horn

### \*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

Brady Luke

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer of Dedication. Let's pray together.

All: O God, these plates contain but a portion of our thanksgiving. The remainder we offer through deeds of loving kindness in the name of Christ. We respond with gratitude to your grace and your goodness, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### \*Hymn #697

Take My Life

HENDON

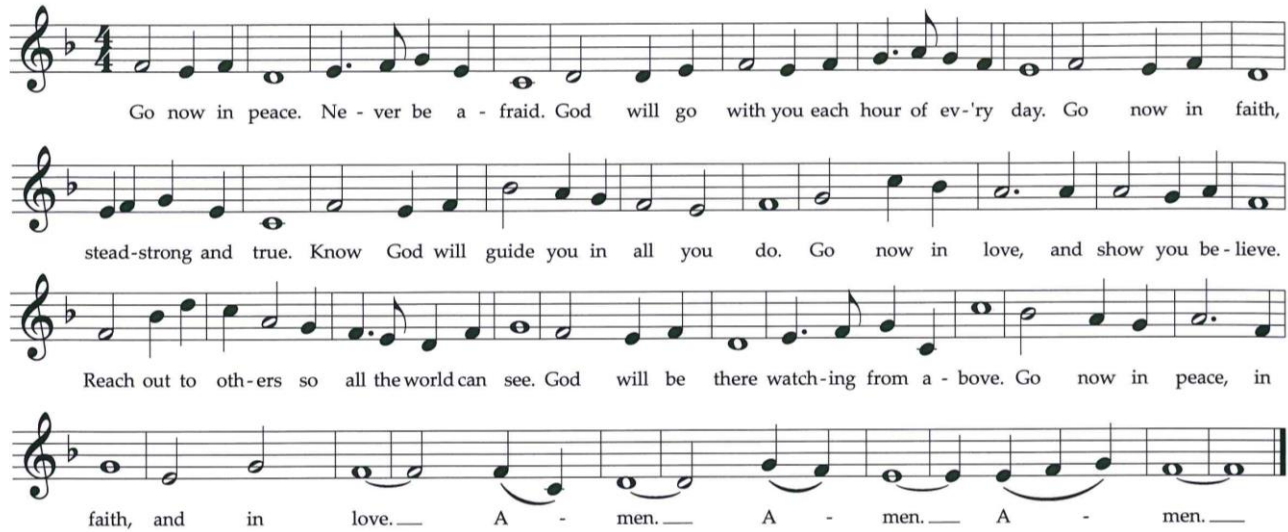
## \*Benediction

Alyson Grady

## \*Benediction Response

### Go Now In Peace

Don Besig



## Postlude

### Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain, mvmt. 5

David Cherwien

## Serving in Ministry Today

### Music

Sierra Cunningham and Cadence Fritz, vocalists

Avery Fuller, trumpet & Valerie Fuller, horn

Hymns: Ada Stalnaker, clarinet; Brooklynn Evers and Crosby Koch, alto saxophone;

Gage Maxwell, trumpet; Brynn Stalnaker, Max Justice, and Jackson Cunningham,

trombone; Kevin Kerr, baritone; Dmitri Garry, viola; Haley Allen, director

Mark Kanitz, organ

**Childcare Ministry** Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster

### Ushers

Dave Berry, Captain;

Brooklynn Evers, Dmitri Garry, Kevin Kerr, Noah Luke, Clara Stalnaker

### Greeters

9:00 North Door: Jackson Cunningham, Gage Maxwell

Welcome Center Door: Marlys Boyum, Max Justice

Circle Drive: Luke Justice, Crosby Koch

11:10 North Door: Jackson Cunningham

Welcome Center Door: Amelia Hamil, Max Justice

Circle Drive: Luke Justice, Elizabeth Murray

### Acolytes

Luke De Pooter and Finn Mooney

### Information Center

9:00 Judy Thomas

11:10 Nancy Koehler

### Coffee Hosts

Tammy Holdren and Kathryn Vint



# Announcements

For the week of May 4, 2025

## The Week at a Glance

### **Sunday, May 4 – Youth Sunday**

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee, Kids and Youth SS Classes
- 10:00 No Senior High SS Classes
- 10:00 Senior Brunch in Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 Agape Class in Welcome Center
- 11:10 Worship
- No JHF/SHF Fellowship tonight

### **Monday, May 5**

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 11:00 Carolyn Hansen Memorial Svc & lunch
- 6:00 Worship and Music Committee
- 6:30 Building and Grounds Committee

### **Tuesday, May 6**

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 11:30 49er's at Wheatfield's
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 1:30 Active Minds
- 4:00 Congregational Life Committee

### **Wednesday, May 7**

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

### **Thursday, May 8**

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 12:00 Serve lunch at Omaha Street School

### **Friday, May 9**

- 6:30 Friday Night Gourmet

### **Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day**

- 9:00 Worship with Communion
- 10:00 Coffee, Kids and Youth SS Classes
- 11:00 Caring and Sharing at Don and Millie's
- 11:10 Worship with Communion
- 4:15 Serve Dinner at Siena Francis House
- No JHF/SHF Fellowship

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 and Concerns.** Enjoy today's service presented by our youth, and congratulations to our graduating seniors!

### **Senior Class of 2025**

Franny Bartling	Westside High School
Jenna Cunningham	Millard North High School
Beckett Friesen	Brownell Talbot College Prep School
Avery Fuller	Bennington High School
Kristen Gardner	Pine View Academy
Daley Gibson	Millard North High School
Blake Harrison	Skutt Catholic High School
Aurora Quatoroli	Ralston High School
Henry Spann	Elkhorn South High School
Holli Wright	Burke High School

The Deacons are hosting a brunch for our graduates and their families in Fellowship Hall between services.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Marietta Morhardt in celebration of the marriage May 3 of Richard Morhardt and Emily Edmisten and also by Skip Decker in memory of Lois Decker. Skip was injured this week, spending time in the hospital, and is now recovering.

Our congregation expresses our sympathy to Bob Hansen and his family on the death of Carolyn Hansen, Bob's loving wife of 68 years. Carolyn's Memorial Service is tomorrow at 11:00 in our sanctuary, followed by lunch prepared by our Deacons.

### **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.



**Last Day for Celebrating Women Fundraiser.** The bidding ends today on the baskets, which are on display in the Lobby. Stop by and find the perfect gift for the woman in your life. You'll be notified today if you win. Thanks for your support!

### **Make an impact for young people through the Pentecost Offering**

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 your 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.

**April 21 – June 8, 2025**



**Active Minds.** Active Minds Fellowship Group will be learning a card game called **Rook** in May. This uses a special Rook deck, 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.

### **Agape for All Speaker Series – Today at 10:00 a.m. in the Welcome Center**

#### **Connecting with the Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (CIRA) – May 4**

CIRA's history is embedded in the 1997 founding of the Southern Sudan Community Associations. This led to Omaha having one of the largest Sudanese communities in the country. A 2022 merger between two refugee resettlement organizations created the CIRA. Erik Omar will summarize the array of services they now provide including legal, resettlement and social services in a growing number of locations spanning from Council Bluffs to Scottsbluff. He also has important information to share with us about the changes underway in our country and the challenges faced within their agency and the immigrant community.

### **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. 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."

#### **Fishing Kit**

**\$75 x 2 = \$150**

Small-scale fishers rely on their catch for income and food. Help families fight famine and extreme hunger with a fishing kit that includes a fishing net, line and fish-finding radars.



### **49ERS on May 6**

Our program for Tuesday, May 6, will be Echohawk Lefthand. Echohawk Lefthand is a respected member of the Dine (Navajo) Nation and has demonstrated for over 15 years a strong commitment to public health advocacy. Echohawk was a recent recipient of UNMC's Distinguished Alumnus Award. Prior to DHHS, Echohawk served as the director, manager and specialist of the Title V Indian Education Program with Omaha Public Schools, Veteran Affairs and Indian Health Services. 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, or sign up at the Information Center.

### **Friday Night Gourmet on May 9**

Come join us for dinner on May 9 at a new venue for FNG: La Mesa Mexican Restaurant, 11002 Emmet St #112 (near 108th and Maple). We will be ordering off the menu with cocktails at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Sign-up sheet located at the Information Desk. Please sign up by Sunday, May 4. Hosts are Stanton & Charlene Weyand and Don & Cindy Hiltgen. Everyone is welcome!



### **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. 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](http://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. It 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](http://www.lakesandprairies.org) and click on "Synod School" or contact Annie Wattles.



## Pinwheels for Prevention

April is child abuse awareness month, and we're helping our mission partner Project Harmony bring attention to the issue by participating in the annual Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. You'll notice a multitude of blue pinwheels spinning in our front flowerbeds to show our support.

## Good Friday Service Online

If you were unable to join us in person on Good Friday, the service is available online to watch! This year, the Alleluia and Chamber Singers, along with guest soloists Gretchen Crane, Jesse Wohlman, Sebastian Sorensen, and Joe Mendick, and professional instrumentalists, presented "St. John Passion" by British composer Bob Chilcott. This hour-long work used the text from St. John's gospel to tell the story of Christ's trial and crucifixion. Go to [churchofthecrossomaha.org](http://churchofthecrossomaha.org) and click on the Good Friday Service link.

## New Learning Series – 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!

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