



Welcome to Worship

July 6, 2025

Summer Worship - 10:00 a.m. only

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us Johann Gottfried Walther

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

Silent Meditation

Holy God, this weekend as our nation celebrates *independence* and freedom, we are reminded of both our freedom to choose you and our conscious choice to live a life of *dependence* on your grace and mercy. Be present with us in our worship today, as we offer ourselves to you. Amen.

Call to Worship

Jeremiah

9:23-24

"Thus says the Lord: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom,

do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth;

but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the Lord;

I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord." Let us worship our sovereign, faithful, God!

Praise and Adoration

*Hymn #331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

(*Please stand, if you are able)

A Litany for Independence Day

As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts.

For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world,

We thank you, Lord.

For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation,

We thank you, Lord.

For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation,

We thank you, Lord.

For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, who pledged liberty and justice for all,

We thank you, Lord.

For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town,

We thank you, Lord.

For soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good,

We thank you, Lord.

For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far,

We thank you, Lord.

Lord, we pray for The United States, that our country would always defend and promote liberty and freedom, truth and justice.

We pray to you, Lord.

That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray,

We pray to you, Lord.

That we might always be a beacon of freedom to those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness,

We pray to you, Lord.

That those who are elected to govern and lead would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them,

We pray to you, Lord.

That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace,

We pray to you, Lord:

Gracious God, Father of all nations, bless and defend us and our land; prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us your grace and compassion, and our offerings of thanks to you, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Congregational Response (#581)**

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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.

Welcome

During the Welcome, children are invited to come forward.

Time for Young Disciples

***Hymn #337**

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

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.

Anthem

Hymn of Peace

Mary

McDonald

Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

page 844 of the pew Bible

Sermon

"Your Mission from God"

Dr.

Zieman

Our Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

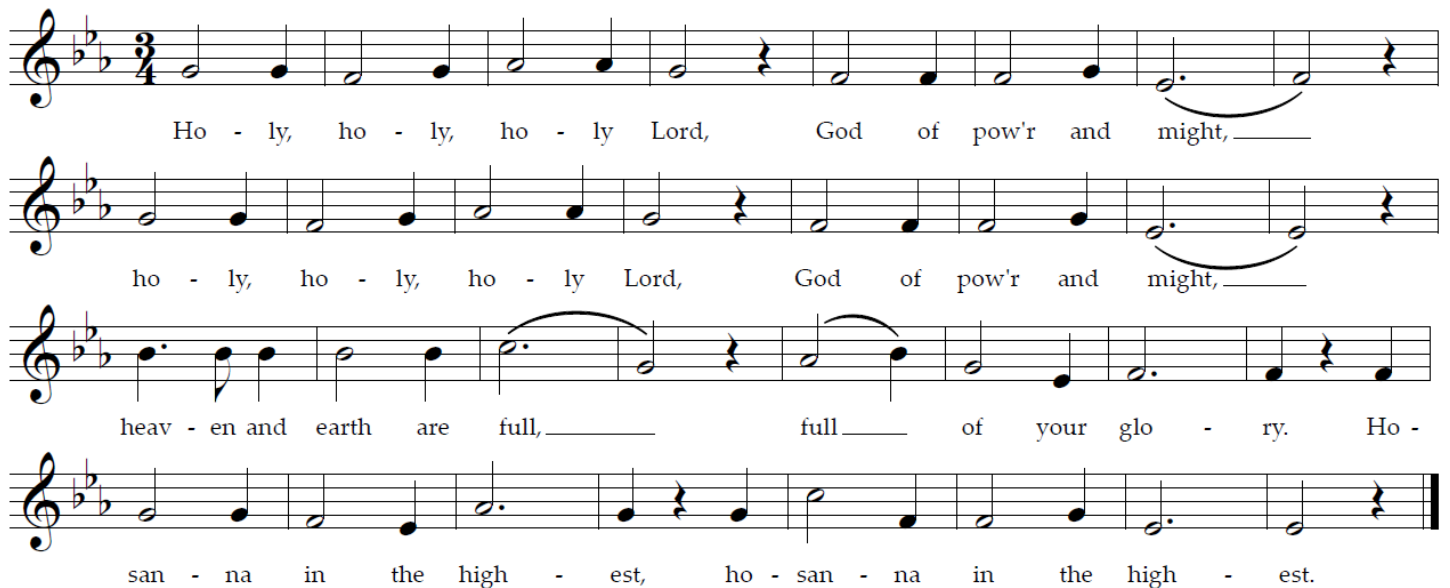
adapted from the Confession of 1967

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community, to share God's labor of healing the hostilities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church follows Christ's pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So, to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

*Sanctus (#562)

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (Schubert)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, _____

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, _____

heav - en and earth are full, _____ full _____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
McDonald

There Is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Kevin Boesiger and Mary

***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**

Holy God, bless our gifts of money, energy, time and prayer, that they may travel far in your world, blessing your children in every place. We dedicate this offering and our very lives, to you, Living Lord. Make us grateful people who know who to thank. Give us light and generous hearts as we commit ourselves afresh this day to building your kingdom and serving you. Amen.

***Hymn #338**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

***Charge and Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig



Go now in peace. Ne - ver be a - fraid. God will go with you each hour of ev-'ry day. Go now in faith,
stead-strong and 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. —

Postlude
Biggs

The Emperor's Fanfare

Antonio Soler; arr. E. Power

Serving in Ministry Today

Liturgist	Anne Wattles	
Music	Mixed Ensemble: Sue Mollner, Mary Ott, Becky Zieman, sopranos; Laura Gardner, Susan Geschwender, alto; Sam Rennick, Scott Stalnaker, tenor; Dave Gardner, Don Metzger, John Morey, bass; Mark Kanitz, organ	
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster	
Ushers	Dan Scanlan, Captain; Barb Scanlan, Laura Duncan, Alta Empkey	
Greeters	North Door: Kristine Gasko Goodman	Welcome Center Door: Kris & Tim
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Announcements

For the week of July 6, 2025

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 6

- 10:00 Worship
- 11:00 Patriotic Music
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship in the Welcome Center
- 1:00 Resound Rehearsal

Monday, July 7

- 9:00 Music & Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 8

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Bible Study
- 5:00 Membership Committee Meeting at the Boesen's

Thursday, July 10

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

Sunday, July 13

- Sharing & Caring Day at Don and Millie's
- 10:00 Worship with Communion
- 11:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 11:00 Floats & Fellowship
- 11:00 Brad and Dawn Gibson Reception
- 1:00 Resound Rehearsal
- 4:15 Siena Francis House Volunteering

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.

The chancel flowers this morning are given by Neal & Charlotte Hubbard in honor of our Nation under God Indivisible, and also by Rock Sumner in honor of Joan Gayle's birthday today.

Patriotic Concert Today! Stay after the worship service today and enjoy a short program of patriotic music presented by piano, organ, and voices. You'll hear many of your favorites and can participate in a sing-along. It will be a fun way to celebrate Independence Day.



Floats and Fellowship next Sunday. After worship on July 13 the Membership Committee invites the whole congregation to come enjoy ice cream floats in the Fellowship Hall just for fun!

We will also celebrate Brad & Dawn Gibson, who are retiring after serving as Senior High Fellowship youth leaders for over 10 years. Can you guess how many hours they have spent with our senior high youth these past 10 years? How about 2,500 hours! They have sacrificed time with their own families to spend time with our youth, and they deserve our thanks. Come celebrate their faithful service on Sunday, July 13 at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to contribute to the group gift, please contact Hether before Wednesday.

JHF and SHF Mission Trip Slideshows will be shown on July 13 at Brad & Dawn's retirement celebration. Don't

miss out!

Our next New Member Discussion is Sunday, July 20. Are you interested in learning more about PCOC? Would you like to join our church family? Join us on Sun., July 20th after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Courtyard Room in the Welcome Center. We will serve a light lunch and share the great things happening at PCOC. Please let us know if you are interested so we can plan accordingly. Fill out the online form on the front page of our website or contact the church office. We hope to see you there!

Back to School Backpack Drive. The 2025 Back to School Backpack and Supplies Drive is underway through August 8. Our partner schools - International Learning Program (ILP), Bancroft, Sherman, Walnut Hill and Wakonda elementary schools are thankful to receive our gifts. We will be collecting assorted supplies like pens, pencils, rulers, glue sticks, pencil boxes, scissors, notepads, crayons, markers, binders and most importantly backpacks. For 2025 let's hit our goal of 150 backpacks! Collection bins are located around the church.

Mahjongg for Missions on July 9.

A "Mahjongg for Missions" Fundraiser will be held on July 9, from 12:30-3:30, in the Great Room. Enjoy an afternoon of Mahjongg and support 2 caring mission projects: The PCOC Youth Mission Trip fund and the PEO International Peace Scholarship fund. All proceeds will be split evenly between these 2 projects. A \$25/person donation is suggested. Register by calling Earlene Uhrig or by signing up at the Information Desk.



Active Minds Won't Meet in July. We will resume on August 5th with Dominoes and Rummikub.

Exploring Nebraska History – Day Tour to Genoa Indian School Museum on July 26

This trip is a look at the good and the bad of the Indian Schools. A great day for adventures in learning and eating as we visit both the Genoa Indian School Museum and Genoa Historical Museum. Genoa, Nebraska is about a 2-hour drive from Omaha. We'll leave Omaha at 8 am and be back home by late afternoon or early evening. Please sign up by July 18th online or at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center.



Mighty Kids Meet Giving Goals! 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.

If you have a young

person in your family, simply use a blue envelope, write their name, and mark "youth giving."

49ERS on August 5, 2025

Our program will be Issiah Yott, Windmill Curator of Kregel Windmill Factory Museum, Nebraska City. Mr. Yott will lead us in a general discussion of windmill history in America. Kregel Windmill Factory Museum was recently featured in an article in the Omaha World Herald.

The lunch location is Wheatfields, One Pacific Place, at 11:30 a.m. Every one 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.

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