

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Prelude on Hyfrydol Paul Manz

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

Silent Meditation

What the church of Jesus Christ believes, teaches, and confesses on the basis of the Word of God: this is Christian doctrine. Doctrine is not the only, not even the primary, activity of the church. The church worships God and serves mankind, it works for the transformation of this world and awaits the consummation of the next. "Faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" – love, and not faith, and certainly not doctrine.

The Emergence of the Christian Tradition: Volume 1, Jaroslav Pelikan

Choral Call to Worship I Believe This Is Jesus arr. Victor C. Johnson

Larry Frederickson, Jayne Frederickson, Kara Penniston, and Marietta Morhardt, soloists

Praise and Adoration

***Hymn #321** The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

(*Please stand, if you are able)

1. All sing 2. Women 3. Men 4. Choir only 5. All sing

Confession and Pardon

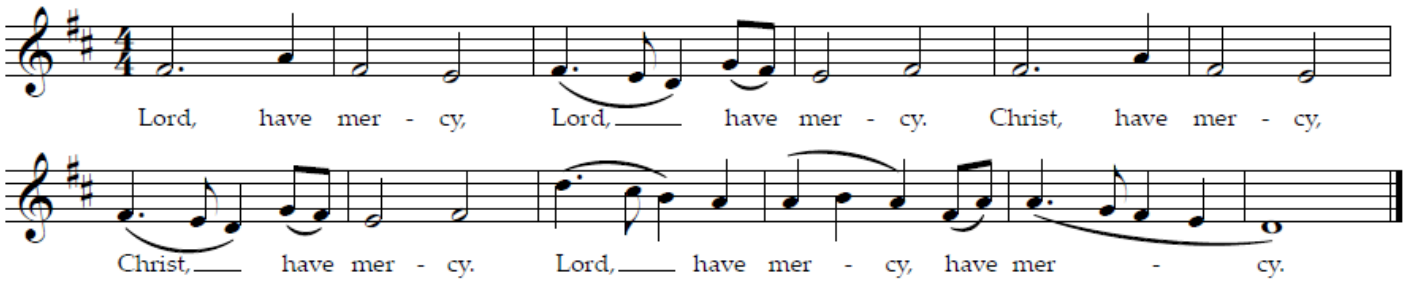
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord of the conscience: we need Your help. We need Your help because we struggle to follow Your example. You are so forgiving: Your steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting; Your grace and mercy build up the hopeless; Your Word is pure and eternal. We know this, and yet we have chased superficial perfection instead of Your holy completion, we have made poor decisions with what power we have, and we have even withheld forgiveness precisely when we come to You seeking it. Forgive us, Lord of all that is good. Make us less like the people we should not be. Make us more like You.

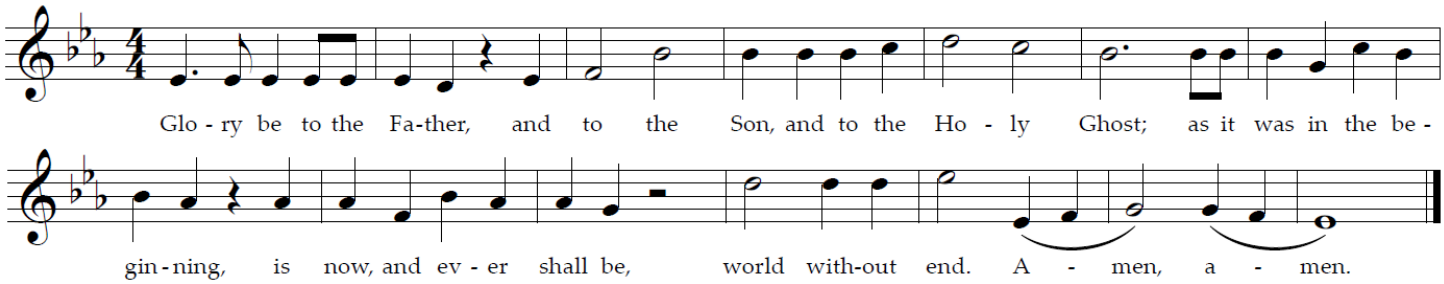
Silent Prayers of Confession and Petition

Kyrie Eleison Lord, Have Mercy SCHUBERT



Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response (#581)** Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)



***Welcome** *During the Welcome, children are invited to come forward.*

Time for Young Disciples

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 O Thou Who Camest from Above Philip Stopford

Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Lesson Matthew 16: 13-20 page 798 of the pew Bible

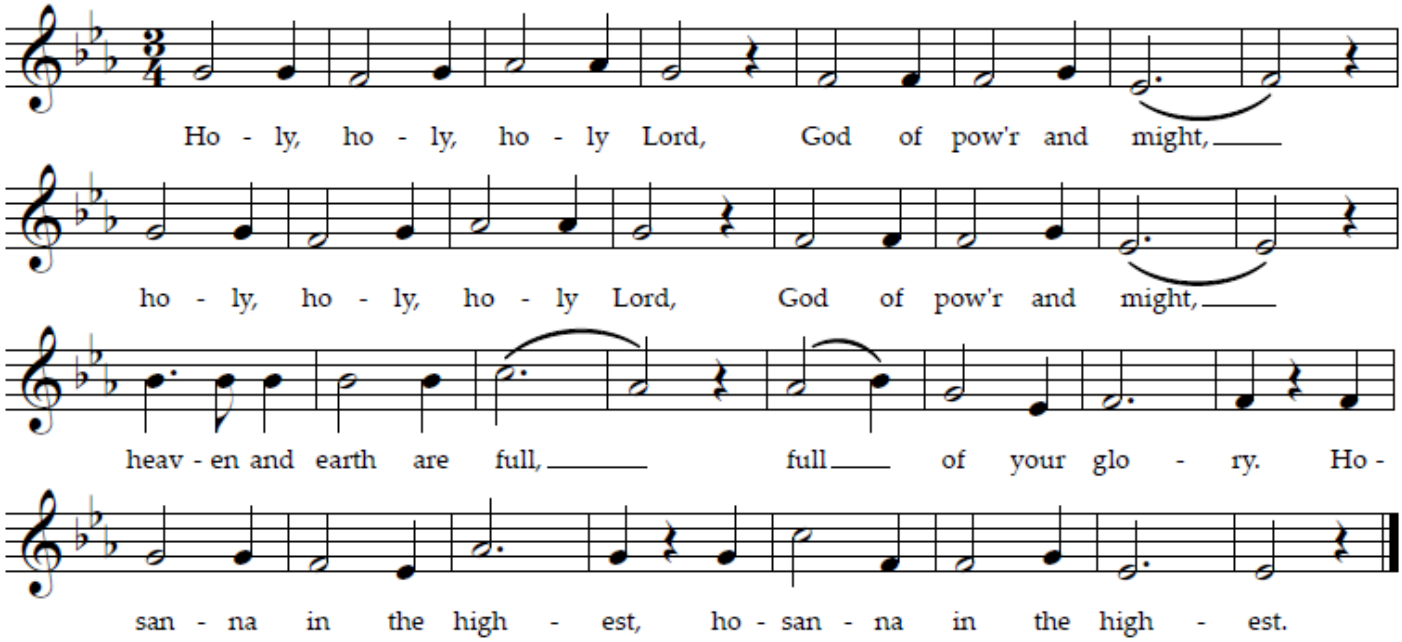
Sermon "Son of Jonah" Rev. Joshua Garry

Our Response to God's Word

***Affirmation of Faith** F-1.01, Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, *The Book of Order*

The Good News of the Gospel is that the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Ghost – creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's Kingdom, bringing Good News to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation. Amen.

***Sanctus (#562)** Holy, Holy, Holy SANCTUS (Schubert)



Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Psalm 150 Peter Anglea

***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**

God who gives without ceasing: we pray that what we give today would be just a glimpse – a glimpse of what we will be able to give tomorrow. May we bless others with these blessings that come from You. And through them may we be reminded that the blessings of others are also blessings for ourselves; for to love humankind is to rejoice in the joy of others. In Your name we pray, Amen.

***Hymn of Dedication #353** My Hope is Built on Nothing Less SOLID ROCK

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response** Now Thank We All Our God arr. Marianne Forman

Serving in Ministry Today

Music Alleluia Singers, Dr. John Petzet, guest conductor; Cayce Wilkinson and Kathy Leach, piano; Mark Kanitz, organ

Dr. Petzet is the Associate Professor and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Nebraska Kearney. He holds the DMA in Choral Conducting from Texas Tech University and the Masters in Choral Conducting from the University of Kansas. Dr. Petzet is a native of Oklahoma and currently lives in Kearney with his lovely wife Jennifer and their three children, Zachary, Andrew, and Catherine.

Childcare Ministry Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster

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Greeters North Door: Diane and Kevin Wetuski
Welcome Center Door: Pam and John Swenson

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Coffee Host Earlene Uhrig

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Announcements

For the week of August 23, 2026

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 23
10:00 Worship
11:00 Coffee Fellowship in the Welcome Center
12:00 All Play Summer Bash at Seymour Smith Park

Monday, August 24
9 & 11 Music and Movement
10:00 Tai Chi
6:30 Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 25
9:30 Staff Meeting
1:30 Active Minds
5:00 Cross Care

Wednesday, August 26
5:30 Chamber Singers
6:30 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, August 27
9 & 11 Music and Movement
10:00 Tai Chi

Friday, August 28
5:30 Young Families Event

Saturday, August 29
12:30 Agape Pop-Up Tour

Sunday August 30
10:00 Worship
11:00 Coffee Fellowship

Summer Schedule May 24 – September 6
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 and Concerns. The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Russ Beernink and Dianne Witmer in memory of Don and June Beernink.

Directing our choir this morning is Dr. John Petzet, Associate Professor and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Nebraska Kearney. Dr. Petzet was our guest clinician yesterday at an all-day workshop for our choir.

Thank you for bringing your dirty cars to the SHF Car Wash last Sunday! Through your generosity and the youth's hard work, just over $1,100 was raised! This will go towards their mission trip next summer to South Dakota!

PCOC End of Summer Bash at All-Play is today after church. The Deacons invite you to a fun, All-church, All-age event at the All-Play fields at 68th and Harrison, from 12-3 pm. There will be games and activities, music, food, and more. This will be a great opportunity to meet others in the congregation, including ones from your own neighborhood. Last year's event had people from age 1 to 95! This event has: *Music * Lawn Games * 9 Square * Music Bingo * Food Truck * Kickball * Bubble Station*.

Young Families Barbecue
If you're part of a young family (newborn-elementary school) and you would love a chance to share some fellowship-barbecue time stop by the church next Friday, August 28 at 5:30pm! Pulled pork, pork ribs, slaw, and cornbread will be provided. If you would like to attend (and especially if you would like to bring a side or dessert with you) please reach out to Pastor Josh or Kate Trapp. There will also be yard games… we hope to see you there!

Chamber and Alleluia Rehearsals begin this Wednesday, August 26. Another choir season begins this Wednesday! Chamber Singers rehearse at 5:30, and Alleluia Singers follow at 6:30. Is it time for you to join? Email Kristi and tell her the good news.

Garden Help Needed
Want to serve our church while being outside? Consider adopting a garden bed. This involves cleanup in the Spring and weeding throughout the growing season. Contact Linda Matson with questions or to pick a garden. If you already have adopted a bed, let Linda know exactly where it is.

Cornerstone Registration has begun!
Our fall semester of Cornerstone begins September 16, with dinner, choir, and Bible study for all ages! Jerry Cornett is cooking our meals this year, so you don't want to miss out! Please register online or at the Information Desk by September 1 to secure your spot. If you have any questions, contact Heather.

Agape "Pop-Up Tour" next Saturday, August 29
We have confirmed two very interesting tours for Saturday, August 29 so we hope you can join us. We will be visiting a very new Legacy Library Exhibit featuring the legacy of former Senator Ernie Chambers, and learning about the nonprofit endeavor of his daughter, Gayla Chambers, called Together We Achieve Miracles. Gayla will be joining us for the tour. We will follow that tour with a visit to the Malcolm X Foundation to learn more about a major redevelopment project underway and observe the historical information that some of us visited a few years ago.

The itinerary for the day will be:

12:30 Leave the North Parking Lot of the Church (if you want to carpool)
1:00 Tour Together We Achieve Miracles and the Legacy Library at 4401 N 21 Street
2:15 Tour and presentation at the Malcolm X Foundation at 3448 Evans Street
4:00 Back at the church parking lot for those who carpooled.

Please sign up online or at the information desk. Contact Kathy Moore if you have other questions.

September Active Minds will be a choice of games for 2 or 4 players. Backgammon (easy to learn), Cribbage (love math), or Mancala (game of strategy). Come enjoy the fellowship and learn something new this month. If you have any of these 3 games at home, please bring yours to share in September! Contact: Earlene Uhrig

Presbyterian Women on September 3. We will soon be gathering on September 3 at 9:30 am in the Courtyard classroom. We are excited to return to the Presbyterian Women's Horizon Bible Study. This year's topic "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other" is based on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians and to be led by Carol Sorensen. We are welcoming new members this Fall as we look for more congregation women to join us...all are welcome! If you need a $20 lesson book, contact Carol Sorensen. Other questions? Contact Cindy Nisley.

September 6, after worship in the Sanctuary: A Reading of "The Three Temptations" by Charles Williams
Charles Williams was an influential member of the Inklings, an Oxford literary group that included C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien. His 1942 radio play "The Three Temptations" provides a modern interpretation of Jesus's resistance against diabolically false hopes. The play will be read by Cindy Sloan and others, followed by a discussion facilitated by Michael Paulus. Dr. Paulus directs the University Libraries and the Institute for Adaptive Intelligence at Creighton University. Early in his academic career he discovered a cache of unpublished materials by Williams, which inspired a series of historical, literary, and theological essays about Williams.

Register Online for Fall Adult Education Opportunities:

- The Christian Imagination & Literature led by Michael Paulus and Cindy Sloan
- Falling Upward led by Keith Allen
- The Anxious Generation led by Quinn McGuire
- Tuesday Bible Studies – 2 Corinthians led by Pastor Marshall
- Acts of the Apostles led by Kirk Ryckman
- First Things First led by Pastor Josh
- Advent in Plain Sight led by Ardys Hansum and Carol Sorensen