

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ bears your burdens
and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God
with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

(Psalm 32)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

(a moment of silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PEACE OF CHRIST

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GtG #582

Glory to God, whose goodness

shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has
pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has
set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end.
Amen.

World without end, without end.
Amen.

World without end, without end.
Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Here’s One”
Trad., arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 30

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SERMON

“Mourning into Joy”

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:4

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*RESPONSE HYMN

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

GtG #795

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears
and sadness,
grace us with your peace

and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision,
God of love.

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness,
be our guide.

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know each thought
and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion,
fill each heart.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 1

Q. 1 What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Allegro”

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

GtG #606

Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here
below;

Praise him above,
ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

*SENDING HYMN “When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

GtG #852

When the Lord redeems
the very least,
we will rejoice.

When the hungry gather
for the feast,
we will rejoice.

We will rejoice with gladness.
We will rejoice.
All our days we'll sing to God
in praise.
We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores
the sick and weak,
we will rejoice.
When the earth is given
to the meek,
we will rejoice.

We will rejoice with gladness.
We will rejoice.
All our days we'll sing to God
in praise.
We will rejoice!

When the Lord revives
the world from death,
we will rejoice.
When the word of God
fills every breath,
we will rejoice.

We will rejoice with gladness.
We will rejoice.
All our days we'll sing to God
in praise.
We will rejoice!

When the Lord returns in victory,
we will rejoice.

When we live in glorious liberty,
we will rejoice.

We will rejoice with gladness.

We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God
in praise.

We will rejoice!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

Flor Peeters

Announcements

Welcome!

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today! Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor. After the service, join us for refreshments and conversation. To bring treats for Fellowship Time, sign up on the sheet on the coffee table.

Directory sign up today!

It's time for a new church directory! Les Cramer will be taking photos of members and friends of the congregation today, and Sundays, May 5 and 12. Choose your appointment time by signing up in the fellowship area. Photos will be taken in the Youth Room. *(A photo make-up session will be offered later for those unable to be here on these dates.)*

PW Coordinating Team to meet

The PW Coordinating Team will meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, at 2305 Alpine Dr. We'll have our business meeting followed by a light lunch.

Town Hall next Sunday

Please join Pastor Janet for the second Town Hall meeting at 11:15am, Sunday April 28. You will have an opportunity to ask Janet questions about whatever is on your mind concerning

this church, hear more about what Session is currently talking about and celebrate the witness of this congregation to the good news of Jesus Christ (be thinking about things you can add to Pastor Janet's list).

Mother's Day giving

Mother's Day is May 12. Let's honor or remember the special women in our lives with a gift to other women in the community. The Mission & Outreach Team is asking you to donate feminine hygiene products and miscellaneous toiletries to give to women at The Friendship Center, Florence Crittenton, and the YWCA. Suggested items are posted on the bulletin board. 'Donation Cards' will be available in the Fellowship area for you to use, if you wish.

Camp offers TIM Talk April 28-30

"Cutting Covenants — God's Relationship with Humanity" is the subject of the Spring TIM (theology in ministry) Talk at Glacier Camp April 28-30. For details or to register, email Pastor Timothy Lanham: timothy@glaciercamp.org.

Habitat for Humanity Trolley Tours

Habitat for Humanity is offering additional trolley tours of their building sites in May and June; the next tour will be **Saturday, May 11**. The tour begins at the ReStore, 1320 Market Street, and runs from 9-11am. Reservations are required and may be completed through the website: HelenaHabitat.org/Trolley or by calling Mindie at 406-204-5602. Take a tour and see how FPCH's donations are providing housing for our neighbors.

You're Invited!

Wednesday, April 24	Building & Grounds 10 a.m. PW Coordinating Team 11 a.m. Choir 2 p.m.
Thursday, April 25	Prayer Time 11 a.m.
Friday, April 26	Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 28	Worship 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m. Town Hall 11:15 a.m.

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