

slow to chide, and swift to bless:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon,
bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

ALL: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent, humble and meek hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. *(a moment of silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news:

ALL: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a

new life has begun.

One: Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

PEACE OF CHRIST

*Gloria Patri

GtG #581

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Speak O Lord”
Keith & Kristyn Getty

Video

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 37:1-11

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SERMON

“Who Are the Meek?”

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:5

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Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

*RESPONSE HYMN

“Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”
Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
all God's realm is surely theirs.
Those in mourning will find comfort
as an answer to their prayers.

Meek ones whom this world despises
will inherit everything.

God, your kingdom still surprises;
may we seek the reign you bring.

Blessed, too, are those who hunger
and who thirst for what is right.
They will not be prone to wander,

for your will is their delight.

Those who show God's care and mercy
will receive that mercy too.

God, in Christ you show us clearly
of the joy we have in you.

Those who share the peace God gives them
will find blessings as God's own.

Those oppressed for faithful living
will call heaven's kingdom Home.

When the world's ways seem distressing
and we feel life's painful sting,
God, remind us of the blessings
of the wondrous life you bring.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Book of Common Worship

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O Savior, Hear Me”

C.W. Von Gluck

*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 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

GtG #543

God, be the love
to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer
to move my voice;

God, be the strength
to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself
the Name of Holy,
great cloud
of witnesses enfold;

Prophets, apostles,
angels witness:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Brightness of sun
and glow of moonlight,

flashing of lightning,
strength of wind,

Depth of the sea
to soil of planet:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind
to hem my journey,
going ahead
to light my way,

And from beneath,
above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes
of all who see me,
Christ in the ears
that hear my voice,

Christ in the hearts
of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

Peter Cutts

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, 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 photographing members and friends of the congregation on 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.)*

Town Hall today at 11:15 a.m.

Please join Pastor Janet for the second Town Hall meeting today at 11:15am. 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.

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, May 1

Choir 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

Rebekah Circle 10 a.m.

Prayer Time 11 a.m.

Friday, May 3

Bible Study 12/noon
Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 5

Worship with Holy Communion 10 a.m.
Social Time 11 a.m.

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