

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pulpit Supply: Dianna Goodman, CLP

Liturgist: Barb Leland

Pianist: Merle Korizek

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Wm. M. Runyan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice, friends in Christ! We gather today to worship the One who created us and loves us without end.

PEOPLE: We come with joyful hearts, ready to praise our God!

One: Is God good?

PEOPLE: The LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever!

One: Is God great?

PEOPLE: The LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods!

One: Let us remember His goodness and faithfulness as we worship together.

ALL: Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power!

One: Come, let us worship God, who is our strength and refuge, and who fills our hearts with joy. We are ready to receive Your goodness, O Lord!

*HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

GtG #14

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Lord of all,
to thee we raise

this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale,
and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:

Lord of all,
to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:

Lord of all,
to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth,
and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Lord of all,
to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine

to the world so freely given;
for that great,
great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Lord of all,
to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. *(a moment of silent confession)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*THE PEACE

*“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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING	Exodus 33:12-20	Page 140
One: The Word of the Lord.		
ALL: Thanks be to God.		
PSALM READING	Psalms 34:4-9	Page 871
One: The Word of the Lord.		
ALL: Thanks be to God.		
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Romans 8:28-30	Page 1757
One: The Word of the Lord.		
ALL: Thanks be to God.		
SPECIAL MUSIC	“Goodness of God” CeCe Winans	Video
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
SERMON SCRIPTURE	Mark 10:17-22	Page 1570
One: The Word of the Lord.		
ALL: Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	“The Goodness of God”	
A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION		
*HYMN	“This Is My Father’s World”	GtG #370
This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.		
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.		

This is my Father's world.
O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems
oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from The Westminster Confession of Faith
ALL: Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence, do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave us inexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of God's will, which is necessary unto salvation; therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in diverse manners, to reveal Godself, and to declare God's will unto God's church; and afterwards for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which maketh the Holy Scripture to be most necessary.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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John W. Peterson

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*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.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

GtG #611

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers
before thee,
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy
surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest,
vale and mountain,

flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“O Zion, Haste”
James Walch

Announcements

Welcome!

A special welcome to visitors joining us for worship today! If you have children with you, feel free to hand them one of the cloth bags hanging in the back of the sanctuary — they are filled with books and toys! Hymns are found in the “Glory to God” (GtG) hymnal in the pews, as well as on the screen. Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor. It is our tradition to remain seated during the Postlude at the conclusion of the service. After the service, please join us for refreshments and conversation.

Please Pick Up Your Pledge Card Today

A stewardship letter and pledge card for each member have been placed in the fellowship area, arranged alphabetically by last name. Please pick up yours today. The rest will be mailed this week. Please return your pledge by Monday, Nov. 2, so we can make a realistic budget for 2027.

Emergency Pastoral Care

Pastor Emily will out of the office until Tuesday, Oct. 26. If you need emergency pastoral care before then, please call CLP Dianna Goodman at 406-431-8964.

Synergos Visit November 1-3

From Sunday, November 1 through Tuesday, November 3, The First Presbyterian Church of Helena will host Rev. Jessica Crane Munoz and Dr. Trace Haythorn of Synergos, a residency and renewal program of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation. The visit blends worship, congregational engagement, and strategic conversation designed to help us discern our future direction. Our session and Strategic Planning Team will meet with Jessica and Trace throughout those days, and the whole congregation is invited to join us on Sunday evening from 5:30 to 8:00 for a reflective dinner gathering. We will engage in small-group conversation around values and wishes for the church's future, using guided questions to creatively imagine what our ministry could look like in this new era.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend! Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

Doors Locked During Service

Session decided to lock the main entrance doors during the worship service. The doors are locked from 10:15 to 11 a.m., and unlocked again between 11 a.m. and noon.

You're Invited!

Tuesday, Oct. 27 Session 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21 Choir Rehearsal 2 p.m.

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

Sunday, Nov. 1 Worship Service with Communion 10 a.m.
All Saints' Day Social Time 11 a.m.

Shaped by the grace of our sovereign God, we follow Jesus Christ
by growing in faith, supporting one another, and sharing
Christ's love in our community and the wider world.

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