

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter

Liturgist: Patti Borsberry

Organist: Ann Swisher

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received — only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.” St. Francis of Assisi

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE “Behold a Host Arrayed in White”
John Ferguson (b. 1941)

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and celebrate God’s presence!

ALL: We come to celebrate our journey together.

One: Come and celebrate this community of saints!

ALL: We celebrate with all communities of saints down through the ages,

One: from generation to generation.

ALL: You have blessed your church, O God.

One: We give you thanks and praise your holy name.

ALL: Come, let us worship God!

*GATHERING HYMN

“For All the Saints”
(vs. 1, 3, 5)

GtG #326

For all the saints who from their
labors rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,

Thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion,
fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle;
they in glory shine;

Yet all are one in thee,
for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,

Singing to Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

ALL: Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. You call us to give generously of all your gifts, but we refuse to let go and trust you. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way. Join us with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope and love that we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. *(moment of silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

ALL: Only Christ, and 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: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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.

A MOMENT OF THANKFULNESS

CHOIR ANTHEM

“All That Makes This Moment Holy”

Music by Joseph Martin, inc. tune by J. Stevenson

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalms 112:1-9

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Exodus 36:3-7

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SERMON

“God’s People Respond Today!”

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

*RESPONSE HYMN

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

GtG #730

I sing a song of the saints of God,

patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought
and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.

And one was a doctor,
and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess
on the green:

They were all of them saints
of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear,
so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right,
for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.

And one was a soldier,
and one was a priest,
and one was slain
by a fierce wild beast:

And there's not any reason,
no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds
of thousands still;
the world is bright
with the joyous saints

who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school,
or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains,
or in shops, or at tea;

For the saints of God
are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

OFFERING AND DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

OFFERTORY "So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower"

George Shearing (1919-2011)

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

GtG #609

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Apostles' Creed

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A MOMENT OF THANKFULNESS

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

*SENDING HYMN

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
(vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

GtG #610

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of God's grace!

Christ speaks, and listening
to his voice
new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice;
the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through
all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“God Sends Us Forth”
by Tony Alonso

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”
Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

Announcements

Welcome!

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today! 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. After the service, join us for refreshments and conversation. To bring treats for Fellowship Time, sign up on the sheet on the coffee table.

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. on Sunday mornings. The doors are unlocked again between 11 a.m. and noon.

Coffee For Vets

The Coffee for Veterans program was initially set up at Fort Harrison and offered free coffee to veterans seeking medical attention at that facility. The program has grown to include 17+ clinics throughout Montana. Again this year, you have the opportunity to donate coffee, sugar, and shelf-stable creamer to show appreciation to our Veterans and offer them a cup of coffee as they wait to receive medical attention. This opportunity runs from today through Nov. 17. See Karen Witte or the November newsletter for details.

Special Olympics Dinner Nov. 8

We will host a dinner for about 50 Special Olympics participants and their coaches Friday, Nov. 8, from 5-7 p.m. The Mission & Outreach Team will prepare and serve the dinner, but we are seeking people to serve as host/hostess, help clean up the kitchen, and take down the tables. A signup sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary door.

Straw Bales & Shelves for Sale

Pumpkin Patch straw bales and shelves are for sale. Bales are \$10/ea.; shelves are \$5/ea. Stop by during office hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

You're Invited!

Monday, Nov. 4	Mission 1 p.m. Sarah Circle 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 6	PW Coordinating Team 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 2 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 7	Rebekah Circle 10 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 8 Bible Study 12/Noon
Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
Special Olympics Dinner 5-7 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 10 Worship 10 a.m.
Social Time 11 a.m.
Deacons 11:15 a.m.

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