

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Emily Cowser

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"The prophet engages in futuring fantasy. The prophet does not ask if the vision can be implemented, for questions of implementation are of no consequence until the vision can be imagined. The imagination must come before the implementation. Our culture is competent to implement almost anything and to imagine almost nothing. The same royal consciousness that make it possible to implement anything and everything is the one that shrinks imagination because imagination is a danger. Thus every totalitarian regime is frightened of the artist. It is the vocation of the prophet to keep alive the ministry of imagination, to keep on conjuring and proposing futures alternative to the single one the king wants to urge as the only thinkable one."

-Walter Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination*

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

"Adagio"

Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by Rev. Mindi

ALL: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing.

One: They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

ALL: Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving.

One: They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

ALL: Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness.

One: They will find it in God's reign forever.

ALL: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs.

One: We will live in God's reign forever.

ALL: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name.

One: Let us worship together, serving one another and serving our Mighty God.

Amen.

*HYMN

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

GtG #415

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come,
and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him.

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,

O there are ten thousand charms.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

(a moment of silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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
One: The Word of the Lord.

Micah 6:1-8

Page 1447

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING
One: The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 15

Page 853

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING
One: The Word of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Page 1772

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One”
Mary McDonald, based on tune Thaxted by Gustav Holst

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

Page 1501

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

*HYMN

“For Everyone Born”

GtG #769

For everyone born,
a place at the table,
for everyone born,
clean water and bread,

A shelter, a space,
a safe place for growing,
for everyone born,
a star overhead,

And God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:

Yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man,
a place at the table,
revising the roles,
deciding the share,

With wisdom and grace,
dividing the power,
for woman and man,
a system that's fair,

And God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:

Yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old,
a place at the table,
a voice to be heard,
a part in the song,

The hands of a child in hands
that are wrinkled,
for young and for old,
the right to belong,

And God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:

Yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For just and unjust,
a place at the table,
abuser, abused,
with need to forgive,

In anger, in hurt,
a mindset of mercy,

for just and unjust,
a new way to live,

And God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:

Yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For everyone born,
a place at the table,
to live without fear,
and simply to be,

To work, to speak out,
to witness and worship,
for everyone born,
the right to be free,

And God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:

Yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from

Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Improvisation from Suite Medievale”

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Offering plates are located in the back of the sanctuary. You may also give online at fpchelena.org/giving or by mailing a check to First Presbyterian Church 535 N. Ewing St., Helena, MT 59601.

*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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

GtG #552

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full
of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

GtG #753

Make me a channel
of your peace.
Where there is hatred,
let me bring your love.

Where there is injury,
your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt,
true faith in you.

Make me a channel
of your peace.
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness,
only light,
and where there's sadness,
ever joy.

O, Master, grant that I may
never seek
so much to be consoled
as to console,

To be understood
as to understand,

to be loved as to love
with all my soul.

Make me a channel
of your peace.
It is in pardoning
that we are pardoned,

In giving of ourselves
that we receive,
and in dying that we're born
to eternal life.

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Allegro in D Major”
Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

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!

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.

Hymn Requests

If you have a favorite hymn that you would like to be sung in worship, please email Pastor Emily at pastor@fpchelena.org, and she will be sure to incorporate it into a future worship service when it connects with the themes of our Scripture readings.

Annual Meeting Sunday, Feb. 8

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be Sunday, February 8, after the worship service. Copies of the Annual Report are available in the fellowship area.

Lay Liturgist Training Feb. 22

There will be a lay liturgist training on February 22 in the sanctuary after worship. This will be a chance to practice our liturgy-reading skills and to provide common ground about the ways that we lead worship. All lay liturgists are encouraged to attend, as well as anyone else who is interested.

You're Invited!

Monday, Feb. 2	Personnel Committee 10 a.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 4	Choir 2 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 5	Sarah & Rebekah Study 10 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 6	Bible Study 12/Noon Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 8	Worship Service 10 a.m. Annual Meeting 11 a.m.

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