

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter

Liturgist: Elroy Letcher

Organist: Ann Swisher

*Please meditate silently, or listen to the prelude
as you prepare your heart for worship.*

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

One: Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!

ALL: Worship the LORD with gladness.

One: Come before him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the LORD is God.

ALL: He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

ALL: For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

*GATHERING HYMN

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

GtG #687

(vs. 1, 3, 5, 6)

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,

from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard
while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us, for the things we have done that we regret, for the things we have failed to do that we regret, for all the times we have acted without love or thought, forgive us; for all the times we have failed to forgive. For hurtful words said and helpful words unspoken and for all the ways we've strayed from you. Forgive us and change us. *(moment of silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news:

ALL: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PEACE OF CHRIST

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GtG #582

Glory to God, whose goodness

Jesus, take us to the mountain,
where, with Peter, James,
and John,
we are dazzled by your glory,
light as blinding as the sun.

There prepare us for the night
by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there,
that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there
fills us with the selfsame awe.

Clothed in flesh like ours
you go,
matched to meet
our deadliest foe.

What do you want us
to hear there,
that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven
says of the Incarnate Word,

"Listen, listen, everyone:
this is my beloved Son."

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Westminster Confession of Faith 6.057

Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace faith comes by

hearing the Word of God, Christ has commissioned his Church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Let All Things Now Living”
Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

*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

CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” GtG #643

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;

Who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:

The one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Charles Callahan

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.

Annual Meeting today after worship

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the congregational will take place today after the worship service.

Ash Wednesday Service/Lunch Feb. 14 at noon

Join us for the Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at noon. Lunch will be served afterwards in Richardson Hall.

Neighborhood Workshops Sundays, Feb. 18 and 25

Feb. 18—Neighborhood Workshop #2!

After worship, grab some coffee and a snack for our 2nd neighborhood workshop. Our topic this week is "Peace in the Neighborhood." We will explore Bible stories and discuss ways to bring peace through reconciliation with help from Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. Then join us again on **Feb. 25 for Neighborhood Workshop #3**. Workshops end around noon.

Energy Share of Montana: YOU can help your neighbor stay warm!

On February 18 a special one-time offering for Energy Share of Montana will be collected. One hundred percent of private contributions are used for bill assistance – none is spent on administration. Energy Share of Montana is a private nonprofit corporation. Donations are used first in this area. Special offering envelopes will be provided.

Family Promise signup sheets available

Volunteers are needed to help with Family Promise meals and overnight hosting Feb. 25-26. See signup sheets in fellowship area for details.

Preparing for Lent

Lent....The Gospel of Mark is described as a simple and unadorned account of Jesus' ministry. As Mark is our gospel text for Lent this year, the sanctuary will remain unadorned and we will give up applause during and after worship. May our Lent sacrifice bring us closer to Jesus.

You're Invited

Monday, Feb. 12	Mission Committee 1 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Willing Workers 10 a.m. Buildings & Grounds 10 a.m. <i>Ash Wednesday Service & Lunch 12/Noon</i> Fellowship Committee 2 p.m. Administration Committee 4 p.m. Choir 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 15	Prayer Time 11 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 16	Bible Study 12/Noon Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 18	Worship Service 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m. Neighborhood Workshop #2 11:25 a.m.

Staff

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