

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 66

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

ALL: Sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

ALL: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

One: Let us come and see what God has done. Let us worship God together.

*HYMN

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

GtG #247

Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain;

Love lives again,
that with the dead has been;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him,
love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would
never wake again,

Laid in the earth like grain

that sleeps unseen;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter
like the risen grain,
he that for three days
in the grave had lain;

Raised from the dead,
my living Lord is seen;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back
to life again;

Fields of our hearts that dead
and bare have been:
love is come again
like wheat arising green.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(a moment of silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.
Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Gabriel's Oboe"

Video

Ennio Morricone; soloist Nicolò Pellegrino (10anni) - Valbonella

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 6:8-17

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One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Life Skill of Sight"

*HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

GtG #451

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands
the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear

voices of truth thou sendest clear.

And while the wave notes
fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare
love with thy children
thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me,
Spirit divine!

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Based on 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, Mark 16:1-9, Matthew 16:16, Revelation 22:13 and John 20:28*

ALL: 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.

CELEBRATING TIES THAT BIND

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands and gave it to us.

Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth. We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

ALL: Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

One: We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

ALL: Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

One: We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

ALL: Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

One: We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

ALL: Grant them strength and wisdom.

One: We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

ALL: Grant them time to share with their families.

One: We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

ALL: Grant them relief and justice.

One: We pray for step-moms.

ALL: Grant them patience and understanding and love.

One: We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

ALL: Grant them faith and hope.

One: We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

ALL: Grant them support and insight.

One: We pray for moms who have lost children.

ALL: Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

One: We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

ALL: Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

One: We pray for adoptive mothers.

ALL: Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

One: We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

ALL: Grant them wisdom and discernment.

One: We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

ALL: Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

One: We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

ALL: Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

One: We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

ALL: Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection

One: Let us join together in the prayer that Jesus taught:

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,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

*HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" GtG #450

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,

save that thou art;

Thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;

Thou my soul's shelter,
and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not,
nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance,
now and always;

Thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
High King of Heaven,
my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven,
my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,

O Ruler of all.

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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.

Pastoral Care in May

Thank you to those filling in while Pastor Emily is on vacation: The Rev. Tim Lanham, Glacier Camp Director, for preaching today, Butch Plowman for being available for emergency pastoral care May 7-12, and Janet Potter for being available for emergency pastoral care May 13-18. Pastor Emily returns May 19.

Lost Soles Walk & Lunch Sunday, May 17

Join us for a Lost Soles Walk next Sunday, May 17, 11:45am, at Prickly Pear Park in East Helena. The walk will be about one mile. Lunch following the walk will be at 1pm at Smith's Bar and Restaurant on Main Street in East Helena. If you don't want to walk, but want to eat lunch, meet us at Smith's.

Fall Spiritual Formation Retreat

Pastor Emily will be facilitating a fall retreat focused on the theme of prayer. Together, we will explore what prayer means, our struggles with prayer, and a variety of ways to pray. The retreat is tentatively planned for September 10th-12th at the beautiful Glacier Camp on Flathead Lake. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Emily know, so that she can begin to gauge the size of our group.

You're Invited!

Monday, May 11	Christian Education Committee 11 a.m. Mission Committee 1 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12	Worship Committee 10 a.m. Administration Committee 1 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13	Buildings & Grounds Committee 10 a.m. Friendship Committee 1 p.m. Choir 2 p.m. Bell Choir 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 14	<i>Holy Spirit</i> Bible Study 12/Noon
Friday, May 15	Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 17	Worship Service 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m. Deacons 11:15 a.m. Lost Soles Walk 11:45 a.m.

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