

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter  
Liturgist: John Warren  
Organist: Ann Swisher

*This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

*\*Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE                      “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”  
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)  
Moderato, Andantino, Allegro

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

**ALL: Life-giving God, you refresh us from the inside out with your water of life and spirit. Open us to your presence within us and help us see how you are re-shaping our spirits each day. Calm our fears, and animate our spirits for this time of discovery. Amen.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the place, O God, and this is the time!

**ALL: Here and now you wait to break into our experience!**

One: To change our minds, to change our attitudes, to change our ways, to change our lives!

**ALL: To help us see the whole of life with your eyes and hear your Word for our own time! To help us smell the fragrance of your glory, to breathe in the freshness of your Holy Spirit!**

One: To help us reach out and touch the face of Jesus, to feel your healing touch and taste your mercy! To discover you in the unexpected,

**ALL: to worship you with our whole selves! Come, Spirit of God, we await your power and your presence!**

One: Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN

“God Is Here!”

GtG #409

God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.

Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

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 prayer)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PEACE OF CHRIST

\*“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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Take My Life, Lord”  
Anna Laura Page, Frances R. Havergal

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING                      Isaiah 43:1-7                      Page 1126

Mark 1:1-11                      Page 1551

SERMON SCRIPTURE                      Mark 1:1-11                      The Message

SERMON                      “Inside Out”

RESPONSE HYMN                      “Hymn of Promise”                      GtG #250

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Second Helvetic Confession 5.187 (adapted)

One: What it means to be baptized. Now to be baptized in the name of Christ is to be enrolled, entered, and received into the covenant and family, and so into the inheritance of the family of God; yes, and in this life to be called after the name of God; that is to say, to be called an offspring of God; to be cleansed also from the filthiness of sins, and to be granted the manifold grace of God, in order to lead a new and innocent life. Baptism, therefore, calls to mind and renews the great favor God has shown to the race of mortal humanity. For we are all born in the pollution of sin and are the children of wrath.

**ALL: But God, who is rich in mercy, freely cleanses us from our sins by the blood of his Son, and in him adopts us to be his children, and by a holy covenant joins us to himself, and enriches us with various gifts, that we might live a new life. All these things are assured by baptism. For inwardly we are regenerated, purified, and renewed by God through the Holy Spirit; and outwardly we receive the assurance of the greatest gifts in the water, by which also those great benefits are represented, and, as it were, set before our eyes to be beheld.**

## THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness/Adagio”  
Flor Peeters

\*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

\*SENDING HYMN “May the God of Hope Go with Us” GtG #765  
(Sing twice)

May the God of hope  
go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love  
and joy and peace.

May the God of justice  
speed us on our way,

bringing light and hope  
to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;  
singing, share our joy with all;  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE           “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness/Allegro”  
Flor Peeters

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

### **Welcome, Jacob Kuntz!**

Jacob Kuntz, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, will give an update on the Helena housing situation today. Jacob will remain after the service to answer questions.

### **Christian Education Committee to resume meeting**

The Christian Education Committee will start meeting again on Monday, May 12, at noon. Joy Edgar and Dianna Goodman will co-chair the committee.

### **FPC to host Family Promise May 25-26**

We will be hosting Family Promise Sunday, May 25, and Monday, May 26. Please check the signup sheet to see how you can help.

## Preregister now for May 28 PW Luncheon

To All Ladies of First Presbyterian Church: Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to confirm you will be coming to the Presbyterian Women's Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, May 28, 11:30-1:00. We're catering the luncheon this year, and I need to let our vendor know how many will be attending. A delicious fresh salad bar with lots of wonderful trimmings will be served. Thank you! Questions? Please call Carol Gneckow, (406) 422-9914.

## Anonymous donation delivered

An anonymous donation of personal care items from a "church attendee" was delivered to Family Promise this week. They were so grateful! Thank you to the donor for your generosity and to Tonna for delivering the products.

## You're Invited!

<b>Monday, May 12</b>	Christian Education 12/noon Mission & Outreach 1 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	Worship Committee 10 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b>	Building & Grounds 10 a.m. Friendship 1 p.m. Choir 2 p.m. Administration 4 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	"Psalms" Bible Study 11 a.m.
<b>Friday, May 16</b>	Friday Bible Study 12/Noon Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday, May 18</b>	Worship Service Social Time 11 a.m. Deacons 11:15 a.m.



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