

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter

Liturgist: Karen Witte

Pianist: Barb Leland

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

*\*Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

Traditional Hymns

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we long for your presence,

**ALL: you are there with us, O source of comfort.**

One: When we face dangers and perils,

**ALL: you are there for us, O source of strength.**

One: When we need to do justice,

**ALL: you are there within us, O source of courage.**

One: So we come with songs and praises,

**ALL: That all the ends of the earth and all the families of the nations may know of your love. Let us praise God!**

\*GATHERING HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

GtG #318

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true  
hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,

whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet  
both east and west;  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: God of Grace, we have harmed your children whom you love. Because we do not understand them, we segregate them and reject them. Instead of helping to bring restoration and healing, we demonize them and hurt them. Forgive us and in your infinite love, heal us. Teach us to welcome all of your children until our hospitality is as wide as your mercy. Help us to understand others as we wish to be understood. Guide us to love one another as you love us.** *(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.

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

“Nocturne in E-Flat”  
Chopin

Kumari Leland

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 42 and 43

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1 Kings 19:1-15a

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Our hope, our life are in the Lord,  
the God we honor and confess.  
Why crave renown or opulence?  
They fade, those things  
we now possess.

Some flaunt their gold;  
some trust its power,  
but what they cherish will decay;  
and still the ransom for a soul  
remains a price too great to pay.

Though wealth or learning may be  
ours, or fame that spreads  
throughout the land,  
the shackles of mortality  
prevent so much  
that we have planned.

Beyond this age of shame  
and sham  
we glimpse a better destiny:  
the Lord will lift us free from death  
to dwell in praise eternally.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Brief Statement of Faith*

**ALL: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was**

**crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**THE OFFERING**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**“A Song of Joy”**

**\*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**

**“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

“Love of My Life”  
Freddie Mercury

## **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.

## **'Gift of Empathy' Book Study Meets Today at 11:20**

The "Gift of Empathy" book study meets today at 11:20 in the Paul Room. The study includes a light lunch.

## **Parking Lot Maintenance Starts Wednesday, June 25**

Parking lot crack filling, sealing and striping will begin Wednesday, June 25. All vehicles and other material should be removed before the close of business on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Likely June 25<sup>th</sup> will be dedicated to crack filling; the 26<sup>th</sup> to applying sealer; and the 27<sup>th</sup> to striping. Foot traffic is okay after product dries. Please avoid vehicle traffic until Sunday, June 29. Your consideration and cooperation are appreciated.

## **Sign Up for June 28 Habitat for Humanity Work Day**

Sign up today for the Helena Area Habitat for Humanity work day next Saturday, June 28. Work starts at 9 am and continues until 4 pm, as you are able. We'll be cleaning and doing light housekeeping. Coffee, donuts and water will be available. Meet in the church parking lot to share rides. Questions? Visit with Carol Gneckow.

## **Fifth-Sunday Potluck Next Sunday, June 29**

Plan to attend the Fifth-Sunday Potluck next Sunday, June 29. Bring a food item of your choice and enjoy fellowship upstairs in Richardson Hall after the service.

## **Rev. Jessica Munoz Here Sunday, June 29**

Come to worship on June 29 to hear Rev. Jessica Crane Munoz, director of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation Synergos program, explain the program and all the benefits it offers. Emily Cowser, our new pastor beginning Aug. 1, is an OPSF pastoral resident.

## **Interim Pastor Janet Potter to Retire July 15**

Rev. Janet Potter, our interim pastor since October 2022, will be retiring Tuesday, July 15. Sunday, July 13, will be her last day in the pulpit here at FPC Helena. Thanking you, Pastor Janet, for leading us with your many gifts! We wish you all the best in your retirement.

## **You're Invited!**

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| <b>Wednesday, June 25</b> | <i>Parking lot closed for repairs starting today</i> |
| <b>Thursday, June 26</b>  | "Psalms" Bible Study 11 a.m.                         |
| <b>Friday, June 27</b>    | Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.                          |
| <b>Sunday, June 29</b>    | Worship Service 10 a.m.<br>Potluck 11 a.m.           |

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