

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter

Liturgist: Vic Reiman

Pianist: Merle Korizek

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

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

John B. Dykes

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

ALL: Lord, help us follow where you lead.

One: Jesus said, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

ALL: Lord, help us put you first and follow you.

One: Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

ALL: Lord, help us follow you that we may serve you.

ONE: Let us worship God.

*GATHERING HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

GtG #738

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil,
the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word
of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them

in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience,
still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith
sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's
broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Eternal God, you claimed us as your own in our baptisms and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Jesus still calls, "Follow me," and we offer excuses because we can't do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus's call and give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love. *(a moment of silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: What then are we to say about these things?Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

ALL: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

One: Friends, receive the forgiving love of God, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven and be at peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen!

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 “Teach Me God to Wonder: ASL Translation”

Video

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

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Galatians 5:1, 13-25

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SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:51-62

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SERMON

“Commitment”

RESPONSE HYMN

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

GtG #687

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

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch
that ends the night
before the rising sun.

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Prayer”

Ludwig Van Beethoven

*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

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

GtG #757

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,

To feed the hungry,
quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor
and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

God made the world
and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.

But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field
and town
to cleanse us and redeem.

For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints
have trod
till all have seen and heard.

As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Road Less Traveled”
Tom Howard

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!

Welcome, Rev. Jessica Munoz!

The Rev. Jessica Crane Munoz, director of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation Synergos program, is worshiping with us today. She will explain the OPSF program and all the benefits it offers. Emily Cowser, our new pastor beginning Aug. 1, is an OPSF pastoral resident.

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.

Fifth-Sunday Potluck Today

Join us for a Fifth-Sunday Potluck today and enjoy fellowship upstairs in Richardson Hall after the service.

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.

Sign Up for July 19 Ulm Buffalo Jump Trip

Sign up to join us Saturday, July 19, on a trip to the First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park at Ulm, followed by dinner at the Taphouse in Craig. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:30 to carpool. Admission to the Buffalo Jump is free. The sign-up sheet is in the fellowship area. Questions? Visit with Barb Leland.

You're Invited!

Thursday, July 3	"Psalms" Bible Study 11 a.m.
Friday, July 4 <i>Fourth of July</i>	Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m. <i>Church Office Closed</i>
Sunday, July 6	Worship Service with Communion 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m.

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