

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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“When someone steals another's clothes, we call them a thief. Should we not give the same name to one who could clothe the naked and does not? The bread in your cupboard belongs to the hungry; the coat unused in your closet belongs to the one who needs it; the shoes rotting in your closet belong to the one who has no shoes; the money which you hoard up belongs to the poor.”

-Saint Basil the Great, fourth-century bishop of Caesarea

*\*Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One”

Ludwig Lenel (1914-2002)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All who are righteous,  
shout with joy to our God!

**ALL: Let us sing a new song!**

One: Praise God and give thanks,  
with organs, with guitars, with all kinds of instruments!

**ALL: Play your best with joy!**

One: Because our Creator's word is right,  
and everything God does is done for our good.

**ALL: Let your faithful love surround us, O God!**

\*HYMN

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

GtG #36

For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while  
we are sleeping,

future needs  
in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,  
God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still  
confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*(a moment of silent confession)*

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you 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.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 12:1-9

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The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's home, and go to a land that I am going to show you. I will give you many descendants, and they will become a great nation. I will bless you and make your name famous, so that you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,  
But I will curse those who curse you.  
And through you I will bless all the nations."

When Abram was seventy-five years old, he started out from Haran, as the Lord had told him to do; and Lot went with him. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all the wealth and all the slaves they had acquired in Haran, and they started out for the land of Canaan.

When they arrived in Canaan, Abram traveled through the land until he came to the sacred tree of Moreh, the holy place at Shechem. (At that time the Canaanites were still living in the land.) The Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "This is the country that I am going to give to your descendants." Then Abram built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. After that, he moved on south to the hill country east of the city of Bethel and set up his camp between Bethel

on the west and Ai on the east. There also he built an altar and worshiped the Lord. Then he moved on from place to place, going toward the southern part of Canaan.

One: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM READING

Psalm 33

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All you that are righteous,  
shout for joy for what the Lord has done;  
praise him, all you that obey him.  
Give thanks to the Lord with harps,  
sing to him with stringed instruments.  
Sing a new song to him,  
play the harp with skill, and shout for joy!

The words of the Lord are true,  
and all his works are dependable.  
The Lord loves what is righteous and just;  
his constant love fills the earth.

The Lord created the heavens by his command,  
the sun, moon, and stars by his spoken word.  
He gathered all the seas into one place;  
he shut up the ocean depths in storerooms.

Worship the Lord, all the earth!  
Honor him, all peoples of the world!  
When he spoke, the world was created;  
at his command everything appeared.

The Lord frustrates the purposes of the nations;  
he keeps them from carrying out their plans.  
But his plans endure forever;  
his purposes last eternally.  
Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord;  
happy are the people he has chosen for his own!

The Lord looks down from heaven  
and sees all of us humans.  
From where he rules, he looks down  
on all who live on earth.

He forms all their thoughts  
and knows everything they do.

A king does not win because of his powerful army;  
a soldier does not triumph because of his strength.  
War horses are useless for victory;  
their great strength cannot save.

The Lord watches over those who obey him,  
those who trust in his constant love.  
He saves them from death;  
he keeps them alive in times of famine.

We put our hope in the Lord;  
he is our protector and our help.  
We are glad because of him;  
we trust in his holy name.

May your constant love be with us, Lord,  
as we put our hope in you.

One: The Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 4:13-25

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When God promised Abraham and his descendants that the world would belong to him, he did so, not because Abraham obeyed the Law, but because he believed and was accepted as righteous by God. For if what God promises is to be given to those who obey the Law, then faith means nothing and God's promise is worthless. The Law brings down God's anger; but where there is no law, there is no disobeying of the law.

And so the promise was based on faith, in order that the promise should be guaranteed as God's free gift to all of Abraham's descendants—not just to those who obey the Law, but also to those who believe as Abraham did. For Abraham is the spiritual father of us all; as the scripture says, “I have made you father of many nations.” So the promise is good in the sight of God, in whom Abraham believed—the God who brings the dead to life and whose command brings into being what did not exist. Abraham believed and hoped, even when there was no reason for



Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

\*HYMN

“Take My Life”

GtG #697

Take my life and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;

it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Do you believe in God the Father?

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me;  
fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE OFFERING

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

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\*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

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

GtG #552

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

One: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

GtG #700

I'm gonna live so (live so)  
God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)  
I'm gonna live so (live so)  
God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna work so (work so)  
God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)  
I'm gonna work so (work so)  
God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna pray so (pray so)  
God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)  
I'm gonna pray so (pray so)  
God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna sing so (sing so)  
God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)  
I'm gonna sing so (sing so)  
God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, anytime! (anytime!)

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Poco vivace”  
Hermann Schroeder

# 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.

## **Home Communion**

Today, we are celebrating Communion in our in-person worship service. We are glad to extend Communion to congregants who are unable to join us in person by having two of our elders/deacons visit for home Communion. If you are in need of home Communion, please contact Art Bumgardner, moderator of the deacons, by calling 406-468-8342 or emailing him at [renart1962@gmail.com](mailto:renart1962@gmail.com). We want to ensure that all in our congregation are able to celebrate Communion.

## **Worship Series from the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation**

This summer, we are utilizing some worship materials published by the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation. This series includes weekly journal activities that you can pick up on the table as you enter the sanctuary.

## **Preschool Open House Tuesday**

The congregation is invited to stop by and meet teacher Darla Jackson during the Child’s Play Preschool Open House on Tuesday, June 9, 6-8 p.m. The preschool is located in FPC’s east wing classrooms.

## **Baseball Double Header on Thursday**

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to attend the Helena Senators baseball games Thursday, June 11, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Come and look for your First Presbyterian friends in the stands!

## You're Invited!

<b>Monday, June 8</b>	Mission & Outreach 1 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, June 9</b>	Admin Committee 1 p.m. Child's Play Preschool Open House 6-8 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, June 10</b>	Buildings & Grounds 10 a.m. Congregational Life Committee 1 p.m.
<b>Thursday, June 11</b>	Senators Games 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
<b>Friday, June 12</b>	Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday, June 14</b>	Worship Service 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m. Deacons 11:15 a.m.

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