

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Pulpit Supply: Dianna Goodman
Liturgist: Kathy Chambers
Pianist: Merle Korizek

*Please meditate silently, or listen to the prelude
as you prepare your heart for worship.*

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Spirit Song”
John Wimber

WELCOME

One: We gather as God’s beloved children –

ALL: however glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

One: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

ALL: this becomes a place where all are welcome no matter where you are on your faith journey.

One: We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with one another –

ALL: Let us worship God.

PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Romans 12:2, John 17:14-19

One: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

ALL: and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.

One: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

ALL: we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.

One: God has called us together; God has called us to be part of a community.

ALL: God challenges us to consider questions of priority as we engage with the world.

OPENING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

GtG #463

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith
in God's excellent Word!

What more can be said
than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge
to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee,
O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God,
and will still give thee aid;

I'll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous,
omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters
I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow
shall not overflow;

For I will be near thee,
thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee
thy deepest distress.

"The soul that on Jesus
hath leaned for repose,

I will not, I will not desert
to its foes;

That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never,
no, never forsake."

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. *(a moment of silent prayer)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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

"From a Distance"
Bette Midler

Video

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 33:5-6
Proverbs 31:8-9

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NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

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SERMON

“Are You Built on a Rock?”

*RESPONSE HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

GtG #462

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967

ALL: In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us, the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we say about God, ourselves, and the world.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Prayer”
Humperdinck

*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

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

GtG #353

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood
and righteousness;
I dare not trust
the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems
to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;

when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come
with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand
before the throne.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Glorify Thy Name”
Donna Adkins

Announcements

Welcome!

Welcome to all who are worshiping with us today! Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor. After the service, join us for refreshments and conversation. To bring treats for Fellowship Time, sign up on the sheet on the coffee table.

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.

Register before Aug. 3 Habitat for Humanity workday

FPC will participate in a Helena Habitat for Humanity workday on Saturday, Aug. 3. Each volunteer is required to register in advance on the organization's website. Printed registration instructions and a signup sheet are available in the fellowship area.

Missionary Andrew Christofferson here Sunday, Aug. 4

FPC, through Anderson Trust funds, has supported Andrew Christofferson for the past 2 years. He is a missionary who works in closed and hostile non-Christian countries. Andrew will be our guest preacher on Sunday, Aug. 4! There will be an opportunity to give a free will offering. Andrew has agreed to participate in a question-and-answer time during coffee hour. Andrew and his family are in the USA for a time of rest, recovery and to connect with their prayer and financial supporters. Jesus invited his disciples to come and see where he was...now God invites us to come and see where Andrew is spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. He and his family serve in places where most will never go.

Grief & Loss discussion starts Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 11 a.m.

Coming in August...Let's Talk...about Grief and Loss. Using a 4-session curriculum, "Comfort Those Who Mourn," we'll talk about all the different kinds of loss and subsequent grief, take time to listen to our own stories and, through scripture, learn (or relearn) different ways to lovingly provide comfort. We will meet at 11:00am on Wednesdays: Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 4, Sept. 18.

Church Picnic Sunday, Aug. 11 after worship

Plan to attend our First Presbyterian Church summer picnic – Sunday, August 11. Following the Church service, head out to the shelter at Spring Meadow Lake (new place this year). Bring a potluck item to share. Your fellowship committee will provide chicken and water. If you want something besides water, bring your own non-alcoholic drink. There will be a corn hole game – and, possibly, a sing-along. And, since we'll be at Spring Meadow, picnic-goers may want to take a walk – or even a swim!

You're Invited!

Friday, Aug. 2	Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 3	Habitat for Humanity Workday 9 a.m.
Sunday, Aug. 4	Worship w/Holy Communion 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m.

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