

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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“This saving presence of God does not mean that no storms appear but that one experiences it *in* the storms. Those who risk obedience and move out from their securities experience it. God’s help does not mean that faith, bright and unthreatened, eliminates life’s storms.”

-Ulrich Luz, *Matthew 8-20*, Heremeneia—A Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

John Hughes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and see what God has done!

ALL: We bring our whole selves into God’s presence to witness God’s amazing power.

One: All the power and beauty of God’s creation is before us to explore.

ALL: We open our hearts to marvel at God’s great works.

One: In awe and wonder, we gather ourselves as a community.

ALL: And celebrate all that God has made.

One: Let us worship God together.

*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.

***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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 24:1-67

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One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

Psalm 45:1-17

(Paraphrase by Nan Merrill, Psalms for Praying)

One: I address my verses to the Heart of all hearts;

My tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

My heart overflows with gratitude and peace;

ALL: You are the lodestar for humankind;

grace springs forth from your Love;

You, who are closer than our breath,

speak to us from the silence.

One: Those who listen and heed are blessed beyond belief!

Put on the voice of authority, O Beloved,

speak to us in your glory and grandeur!

ALL: With mercy and strength go forth for the cause of Truth to teach Love's way;

with resolute authority awaken your people towards wholeness!

One: Your ways are narrow, and few there are who choose to follow;

many stumble and fall all along the Way.

ALL: Your Divine Presence endures forever and ever.

**Your sovereign edict is ordained with justice;
your love is unconditional, without reserve.**

One: Therefore, O Creator, O Heart of Love,
anoint us with the oil of gladness to share with all;
your raiment is as fragrant blossoms, fruit of the earth,
healing herbs from nature's bounty.

**ALL: From every direction stringed instruments will gladden our hearts;
our friends will be mature and kind, filled with integrity,
standing beside us in times of need.**

One: Hear, O people, consider, and incline your ear;
Forget what has gone before you;
turn your feet to the path of Love.
Open your hearts to the Beloved,
learn of humility, be blessed even in brokenness,

ALL: For those are the treasures stored in eternity.

One: All glorious is the soul within, the abode of the Merciful One;
through many trials and suffering do you come to the Beloved,
refined by fire as you follow Love's way.

With joy and gladness you are led along,
as you awaken to the Heart of your heart.

Instead of a house of fear, you will come to dwell with Love,
you will radiate the light of truth to all the earth.

There will you celebrate the Beloved for all generations to come,
the people will praise Love's way for ever and ever.

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 7:14-25

Page 1756

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hope"

Video

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Page 1520

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

*HYMN

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

GtG #726

"Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?"

Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?"

Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?"

Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?"

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch
and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your
love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“In the Image of God”

John W. Peterson

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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

"Jesus Calls Us"

GtG #720

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet
voice soundeth
saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me
more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Where He Leads Me"

John S. Norris

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!

Fall Spiritual Formation Retreat

Registration is open for our fall spiritual formation retreat at Glacier Camp. Together, we will explore the purpose and nature of prayer, our struggles with prayer, and a variety of ways to pray. The retreat begins with dinner on Thursday, Sept. 10, and will conclude by noon on Saturday, Sept. 12. The cost of the retreat is \$330

per room and \$110 per person for meals. To register, email Pastor Emily at pastor@fpchelena.org and make a check payable to the church. Come enjoy an opportunity to connect with God and one another!

Girls Thrive Fundraiser Continues

Girls Thrive Fundraiser! Choose tags indicating the amount you'd like to give, and put it, along with your donation, in the shoe box. An anonymous donor has already given \$2,500 and will be matching donations. The fundraiser ends July 31. Thank you. Questions? Visit with Dianna or Carol.

Seminary Foundation Worship Series

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.

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.

You're Invited!

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| Wednesday, July 8 | Buildings & Grounds 10 a.m.
Congregational Life 1 p.m. |
| Friday, July 10 | Montana Heritage Center Tour 1 p.m. |
| Sunday, July 12 | Worship Service 10 a.m.
Social Time 11 a.m.
Deacons 11:15 a.m. |

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