

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Liturgist: Karen Witte

Organist: Ann Swisher

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

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Sinfonies de Fanfares”

Jean Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come from the day-to-day busyness of our lives.

ALL: We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.

One: Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

ALL: May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say to us this day.

One: Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

ALL: let us gather to worship God!

*GATHERING HYMN

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

GtG #338

O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with
brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self
their country loved,
and mercy more than life!

America! America!
God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!

America! America!
May God thy gold refine
till all success be nobleness
and every gain divine!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best. When we experience failure or frailty, we often give up instead of turning to you. Disappointment clouds our vision. Instead of seeing the new things you are doing, we cling to the old and we miss your blessings. Your call to proclaim and share the good news of your son through our love, words and actions is forgotten when real life intrudes. Forgive us we pray. We humbly ask for your grace, mercy and love that we might begin living for you again. *(a moment of silent prayer)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ephesians 2:4-10

One: Hear the good news: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

ALL: We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

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

“Together”
Chris Tomlin

Video

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 2:1-5

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NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Page 1806

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:1-13

Page 1560

SERMON

“Real Life”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Apostle’s Creed

GtG Page 35

*RESPONSE HYMN

“This Is My Song”

GtG #340

This is my song,
O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar
and mine.

This is my home, the country

where my heart is;

Here are my hopes, my dreams,
my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands
are beating
with hopes and dreams as true
and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer
than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf
and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too,
and clover,

And skies are everywhere
as blue as mine.
So hear my song,
O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land
and for mine.

This is my prayer,
O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come;
on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up
till all shall serve him,

And hearts united learn
to live as one.
So hear my prayer,

O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee;
let thy will be done.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Allegretto”

Francois Dandrieu (c. 1682-1738)

*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 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

GtG #331

God of the ages,
whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty
all the starry band

Of shining worlds in splendor
through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy

throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us
in the past.
In this free land by thee
our lot is cast.

Be thou our ruler, guardian,
guide, and stay:
thy word our law,
thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms,
from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm
our ever sure defense.

Thy true religion
in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness
nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people
on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night
to never-ending day.

Fill all our lives
with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise
be ever thine.

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”
(verse 1)

GtG #547

“Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”

POSTLUDE

“Hornpipe from the Water Music”
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Announcements

Welcome!

Welcome to all who are worshipping 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.

Gates of the Mountains Boat Tour July 14

Join in the outdoor fun with your Presbyterian family on Sunday, July 14, with a Gates of the Mountains boat tour, followed by a barbecue at Barb's cabin on the Missouri River! Tour time is

1-3pm, with dinner around 5pm. (Missouri River house is approximately 30 minutes north of Gates of the Mountains – 7 Meadow Lane, Cascade.) Tour tickets are \$15 for seniors and \$20 for under age 60. Please RSVP to Barb Leland –406-431-5854 or email Barb640@hotmail.com. Pay with cash or write a check to Barb. A signup sheet and envelope for payments are available in the Fellowship area.

Register now for Habitat for Humanity workday

FPC is scheduled to participate in a Helena Habitat for Humanity workday Saturday, Aug. 3. Each volunteer is required to register in advance. This helps HHH anticipate the number of participants and also track volunteer hours. See Karen Witte for printed instructions on how to register.

You're Invited!

Wednesday, July 10	Building & Grounds 10 a.m. Fellowship 2 p.m.
Thursday, July 11	Prayer Time 11 a.m.
Friday, July 12	Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 14	Worship 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m. Deacons 11:15 a.m. Gates of the Mountains Boat Tour 1 p.m.



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birth this month!

13th Andrew Kaiser

24th Les Cramer

24th Bill Peterson

26th Deb Drynan



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