

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Organist: Ann Swisher

"Obedience to the call of Jesus never lies within our own power...The step into the situation where faith is possible, is not an offer which we can make to Jesus, but always his gracious offer to us."

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

"Adagio from Op. 29, Trio I"

E. Friedrich Richter (1808-1879)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Joanna Harader

One: Gentle and patient

ALL: Jesus calls us to follow him.

One: Intentional and persistent

ALL: Jesus calls us to follow him.

One: In times of grief and in times of praise

ALL: Jesus calls us to follow him.

One: Through the struggles and through the victories

ALL: Jesus calls us to follow him.

One: Unexpected and planned

ALL: Jesus calls us to follow him.

One: In a still small voice and in power

ALL: Jesus calls us to follow him.

One: Spontaneous and prepared

ALL: Jesus calls us to follow him.

One: In our willingness and in our reluctance

ALL: Jesus calls us to follow him.

One: Jesus is eager to show us the way.

May we enter worship open to his leading.

*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.

***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 32:22-32

Page 53

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

Psalm 17

Read Responsively

One: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;

ALL: give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

One: From you let my vindication come;

ALL: let your eyes see the right.

One: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;

ALL: my mouth does not transgress.

One: As for what others do, by the word of your lips

ALL: I have avoided the ways of the violent.

One: My steps have held fast to your paths;

ALL: my feet have not slipped.

One: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

ALL: incline your ear to me; hear my words.

One: Wondrously show your steadfast love,

**ALL: O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.**

One: Guard me as the apple of the eye;

ALL: hide me in the shadow of your wings,

One: from the wicked who despoil me,

ALL: my deadly enemies who surround me.

One: They close their hearts to pity;

ALL: with their mouths they speak arrogantly.

One: They flush me out; now they surround me;

ALL: they set their eyes to cast me to the ground.

One: They are like a lion eager to tear,

ALL: like a young lion lurking in ambush.

One: Rise up, O Lord, confront them, overthrow them!

**ALL: By your sword deliver my life from the wicked,
from mortals—by your hand, O Lord—
from mortals whose portion in life is in this world.**

One: May their bellies be filled with what you have stored up for them;

**ALL: may their children have more than enough;
may they leave something over to their little ones.**

One: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;

ALL: when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 9:1-18

Page 1758

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Let Us Break Bread Together”
arr. Jay Althouse

Art Bumgardner, Bass

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:16-20

Page 1552

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON—The Adventures of the Disciples: Jesus Calls the First Disciples

A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

“You Walk along Our Shoreline”

GtG #170

You walk along our shoreline
where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power,
“Now come and follow me.

And if you still will follow
through storm and wave and shoal,
then I will make you fishers
but of the human soul.”

You call us, Christ, to gather
the people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only
those lives we think have worth.

We spread your net of gospel
across the water's face,
our boat a common shelter
for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus;
we cry the kingdom's name;
we work for love and justice;
we learn to hope through pain.

You call us, Lord, to gather
God's daughters and God's sons,
to let your judgment heal us
so that all may be one.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

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

"The Musical Clocks, Minuet"

Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

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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

"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.

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Phantasie, Op. 19”
E. Friedrich Richter

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!

Spiritual Formation Discussions Starting

As part of our participation in the Synergos Pastoral Residency program, we will be engaging in some curriculum around spiritual formation. During fellowship time after worship, you will find a sheet of paper at each table with a brief reading and some discussion questions. You are encouraged to have one person at your table read the paper and then discuss the questions as a group.

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. Registration closes on Aug. 31. If you are in need of financial assistance to attend, please contact Pastor Emily. Scholarships are available. Come enjoy an opportunity to connect with God and one another!

Save the Date! Church Picnic Aug. 30

August 30 is the date for this year’s summer picnic, which will be held at Kennedy Park in East Helena. Everyone can head that way, instead of meeting for the normal friendship time, after the service. Please plan to bring a dish or dessert to share, along with a chair. Unfortunately, seating is limited. The Congregational Life Committee will be providing the fried chicken and some refreshments. We hope you can make it!

Fall Worship Planning Team To Meet Aug. 12

Our Fall Worship Planning Team will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at noon in the church library. If you have ideas about worship, please join us!

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.

Tim Lanham Memorial Service

The memorial service for the Rev. Tim Lanham, former Glacier Camp director, will be held at Glacier Camp on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m., followed by a community dinner. Those who stay overnight will be served a breakfast of sausage, biscuits, and gravy in honor of Tim. This was his favorite breakfast. If you plan to spend the night, the camp is charging a \$100 per person fee for room and board.

You're Invited!

Sunday, August 9 Worship Service 10 a.m.
Social Time 11 a.m.
Deacons 11:15 a.m.

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