

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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“I really only love God as much as I love the person I least like.”

-Dorothy Day, American journalist and social activist, 1897-1980

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Praludium”

Hans F. Micheelsen (1902-1973)

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

“Let Us Build a House”

GtG #301

Let us build a house where love
can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints
and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams
and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ
shall end divisions:

All are welcome;
all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare
to seek
to dream God’s reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand
as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;

here as one we claim the faith
of Jesus:

All are welcome;
all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love
is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God,
through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast
that frees us:

All are welcome;
all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands
will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen,
serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger

bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear
and danger:

All are welcome;
all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words
within the Word.

Built of tears and cries
and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim
from floor to rafter:

All are welcome;
all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all,

but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. *(a moment of silent confession)*

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, and restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ. No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. 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 37:1-28

Page 60

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

Psalm 105

Page 942

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 10:5-21

Page 1760

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“This Is The Church”

Video

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:13-17

Page 1554

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON—The Adventures of the Disciples: Jesus Calls Levi

A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

“For Everyone Born”

GtG #769

For everyone born,
a place at the table,
for everyone born,
clean water and bread,

A shelter, a space,
a safe place for growing,
for everyone born,
a star overhead,

And God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:

Yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man,

a place at the table,
revising the roles,
deciding the share,

With wisdom and grace,
dividing the power,
for woman and man,
a system that's fair,

And God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:

Yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old,
a place at the table,
a voice to be heard,
a part in the song,

The hands of a child in hands
that are wrinkled,
for young and for old,
the right to belong,

And God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,

compassion and peace:

Yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For just and unjust,
a place at the table,
abuser, abused,
with need to forgive,

In anger, in hurt,
a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust,
a new way to live,

And God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:

Yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For everyone born,
a place at the table,
to live without fear,
and simply to be,

To work, to speak out,

to witness and worship,
for everyone born,
the right to be free,

And God will delight
when we are creators
of justice and joy,
compassion and peace:

Yes, God will delight
when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Confession of Belhar

ALL: We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; and that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Pastorale"

Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)

Offering plates are located in the back of the sanctuary. You may also give online at fpchelena.org/giving or by mailing a check to First Presbyterian Church, 535 N. Ewing St., Helena, MT 59601.

*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

*HYMN “In Christ There Is No East or West” GtG #317

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true
hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet
both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Finale”

Hans F. Micheelsen

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

As part of our participation in the Synergos Pastoral Residency program, we are 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!

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!

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!

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!

Monday, Aug. 10	Mission & Outreach 1 p.m. Strategic Planning Team 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 11	Admin Committee 1 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug. 12	Buildings & Grounds 10 a.m. Fall Worship Planning 12/noon Congregational Life 1 p.m.
Sunday, August 16	Worship Service 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m.

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