

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter

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

“Let All Things Now Living”

Traditional Welsh Melody

WELCOME *“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

**ALL: Bless God’s holy name.**

One: God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

**ALL: Bless God’s holy name.**

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

**ALL: so great is God’s steadfast love for us.**

One: Let us bless the Lord in our worship and praise!

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*GATHERING HYMN

“Bless His Holy Name”

See insert

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name.

He has done great things,

He has done great things,  
He has done great things;  
bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our sisters and brothers. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions.**

**Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable, loving and forgiving toward others that we may dwell in peace with Christ, who is Lord of all.** *(a moment of silent prayer)*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, Psalm 103:8 says the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

One: Amen?

**ALL: Amen!**

#### 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Antiphonal Kyrie”

Traditional Latin text; music by Susan Thrift

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 103:1-13 Page 939

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:9-15 Page 1504

SERMON “Living Love through Forgiveness”

SERMON SCRIPTURE Genesis 50:15-21 Page 85

\*RESPONSE HYMN “Let There Be Peace on Earth” See insert

Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator,  
we are family.  
Let us walk with each other  
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;  
let this be the moment now.

With every step take,  
let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment  
and live each moment  
in peace eternally!

Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH

Book of Common Worship

**ALL: We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "God, Thy Great Goodness Never Ends"  
Ludwig Van Beethoven

\*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

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

GtG #306

Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes,  
our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;  
our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love  
and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Give Us This Day”  
Bobby Day

# Announcements

## **Welcome!**

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor. At the close of the service, it is our tradition to remain seated during the Postlude. After the service, join us for refreshments and conversation. To bring treats for Fellowship Time, sign up on the sheet on the coffee table.

## **Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**

The FPC choir gathers Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Come, sing with us!

## **Thursday prayer time resumes Sept. 21**

Prayer Time will resume on Thursdays, Sept. 21 and 28. We meet in the east Library from 11:00-11:30pm. No reservation needed, no pressure to pray out loud, just come!

## **Session will meet Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m.**

Session will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 19, beginning at 4:00pm. We will have conversation around the Project Regeneration report, where we are and where we are going, as well as supper. Elders, more details to come via email!

## **Lay Liturgist training next Sunday**

We will have a training session for those who want to become Lay Liturgists next Sunday after the worship service.

## **[Re]Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Workshop!**

**Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 6:30pm-9:00pm**

Spiritual Gifts Assessment forms are on the bulletin table outside the sanctuary. The next [Re]Discovering your Spiritual Gifts workshop is on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 6:30pm. Please complete the very last page of the form before the workshop! During the workshop, you'll discover your gifts as we complete that last page. Questions, please ask Pastor Janet.

## You're Invited:

<b>Tuesday, Sept. 19</b>	Session 4 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 20</b>	Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Sept. 21</b>	Prayer Time 11 a.m.
<b>Friday, Sept. 22:</b>	Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday, Sept. 24</b>	Worship Service 10 a.m. Social Time 11 am. Lay Liturgist Training 11 a.m.

## Staff

Ministers—Every Member	Organist—Ann Swisher
Pastor—Rev. Janet Potter	Treasurer—Leo Potter
Director of Music & Media—Les Cramer	Office Coordinator—Julie Young

## Elders

John Coefield (B&G; Nominating)	Sheryl Eriksen (Fellowship)	Jeff Chaffee (Personnel)
Barb Leland	Jim Meyer (Administration)	Patti Borsberry
Mary Stiles (Education)	Butch Plowman	
	Karen Witte (Mission)	
John Gneckow, Clerk of Session		

## Deacons

Julie Chaffee	Mary Brainard	BJ Burns
Candace Coefield (Moderator)	Joy Edgar	Kathy Chambers
Lonna Weidemann	Merle Korizek	
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## **Church office hours**

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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*Weekly Sermon on HCTV Cable Channel 189, Wednesdays 6 p.m. & Saturdays 9 a.m.*