

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter

Liturgist: Jim Meyer

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

“Prelude and Fugue in C Major”

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Whether we embrace God’s call in our lives or try to avoid it,

**ALL: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Whether we are long-timers or latecomers in the life of faith,

**ALL: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring hardship,

**ALL: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We praise God’s name forever and ever!**

\*GATHERING HYMN “Let Us Build a House/All Are Welcome”

GtG #301

(vs. 1-2, 4-5)

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 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: God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others. We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own. Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us. Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity. Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another? We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. (a moment of silent prayer)**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

**ALL: God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore, we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!**

PEACE OF CHRIST

\*“Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

GtG #582

Glory to God, whose goodness  
shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has  
pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has  
set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now  
and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end.  
Amen.  
World without end, without end.  
Amen.

World without end, without end.  
Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now  
and ever shall be. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Set Down Servant”  
Negro Spiritual, arr. Robert Shaw

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 119:33-40 Page 958

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:38-48 Page 1503

SERMON SCRIPTURES Jonah 4:9-11 Page 1439  
Matthew 20:1-15 Page 1529

SERMON “Jonah: The ‘Hesed’ of God”

\*RESPONSE HYMN “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” GtG #716

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism The Lord's Day 40

One: 107 Q. Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

**ALL: No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.**

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "You Are the Prince of Peace, Lord Jesus Christ"

J.S. Bach

\*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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

GtG #611

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers  
before thee,  
opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy  
surround thee;  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest,  
vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus  
which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

#### BENEDICTION

One: Go out with renewed hope; trusting in the transforming love of God.

**ALL: God does not leave things as they are; with God, all things are made new.**

One: All creation responds to God's presence; the world is alive with possibility.

**ALL: We open ourselves to this truth; with Christ, we trust our whole lives to this power.**

One: Nothing is beyond the reach of God; neither evil, nor hardship, nor death.  
Christ is risen!

**ALL: He is risen indeed! Alleluia, Amen!**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN "Be Not Afraid"

GtG #243

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in A minor"

J.S. Bach

## Announcements

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please sign the red fellowship pad in your pew and pass it to your neighbor. After the service, please join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation. You can also contribute by volunteering to bring treats for Fellowship Time. Sign up on the sheet on the coffee table.

### **Lost Soles Walk Today**

The Lost Soles walking group will meet this afternoon for a stroll around Spring Meadow Lake. Meet at the church parking lot at 2 p.m. to carpool to the lake. We may have treats afterward. Contact Sheryl Eriksen at 406-431-6029 if you have questions.

### **Glacier Presbytery Meeting Here June 2-3**

FPC Helena will host the Spring/Summer meeting of the Glacier Presbytery on Friday evening, June 2, and Saturday, June 3. Watch upcoming bulletins and newsletters for details.

### **Talent and Dessert Show!**

Your Music and Fellowship departments will be holding a talent show on **Wednesday, June 7, at 7:00** in the evening. We will have several acts from FPC and guest musicians. Luscious

desserts will top off the evening for a truly enjoyable experience. More details coming up! If you would like to contribute homemade pie or a dessert, please contact Barb Leland at 406-431-5854. Be sure to save the date!!

## **Registration Open for Summer Camps**

“With God all things are possible,” is the theme for Glacier Camp’s 2023 summer camps. Full-week programs are offered for students entering grades 3-12, and Mini Camps are offered for children entering grades 1-2. Family Camp will be July 2-5. The camp season runs June 18 –Aug. 5. Brochures and scholarship information are available in the fellowship area and on the camp’s website: [www.glaciercamp.org](http://www.glaciercamp.org)

## **Camp Cleanup Day June 10**

Come to Glacier Camp on Saturday, June 10, for the annual camp cleanup day! The camp needs help pulling weeds, trimming grass, and dusting and cleaning cabins and bathhouses as it gets ready for the 2023 Camping Season!

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### **You’re Invited:**

**Tuesday, May 23**

Session 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 24**

PW Annual Meeting 12/noon

**Friday, May 26**

Bible Study 12 Noon

Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.

**Sunday, May 28**

Worship Service 10 a.m.

Social Time 11 a.m.



## **Staff**

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

## **Elders**

Jeff Chaffee (Personnel chair)  
Rose Leavitt (Nominating co-chair)  
Carol Stebbins  
John Coefield (Building & Grounds chair; Nominating co-chair)  
Barb Leland  
Mary Stiles (Education chair)  
Sheryl Eriksen (Fellowship chair)  
Jim Meyer (Administration chair)  
Butch Plowman  
Karen Witte (Mission chair)  
John Gneckow, Clerk of Session

## **Deacons**

*May Deacon on Call: Joy Edgar—406-202-2200*

BJ Burns	Julie Chaffee	Mary Brainard
Patti Borsberry	Candace Coefield	Joy Edgar
Art Bumgardner	Lonna Weidemann	Merle Korizek
Pearle Plowman		Carole Massman

## **Church office hours**

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

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