

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Emily Cowser

Liturgist: Bonnie Anderson

Organist: Ann Swisher

“Whether our vocations are as butchers, bakers or candlestick makers—or people drawn into the worlds of business or law, agriculture or education, architecture or construction, journalism or international development, health care or the arts—in our own different ways we are responsible, for love’s sake, for the way the world is and ought to be. We are called to be common grace for the common good.”

-Steven Garber, *Visions of Vocation*

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

“Adagio”

Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by Joanna Harader

One: Gathered in this place,

ALL: We are the body of Christ.

One: The hands and feet,

ALL: The eyes and ears,

One: The heart and lungs—

ALL: All parts of the whole,

One: Participating in the miraculous body.

ALL: Together we are a body that worships,

One: A body that sings,

ALL: A body that works,

One: A body that rests,

ALL: A body that rejoices in the wonder of serving and loving God together.

One: We are the body of Christ,

ALL: Gathered in this place.

One: Let us worship God together.

*HYMN

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness “

GtG #291

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness,

stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea

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You moved on the waters;
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;

And over the eons
you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings."

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You swept through the desert;
you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land.

When they were confounded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through
your prophets
to open their eyes.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,

stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable;
you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.

And down in the city,
you called once again
when you blew through
your people
on the rush of the wind.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow;
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.

Our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,

wind, wind on the sea.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

ALL: Magnificent God, Holy One, hear us as we pray to you. We ask your forgiveness for times when we have failed to live in community and right relationship with one another; for times when we have hurt others on purpose or inadvertently through our deeds and actions. You created us to work together, but we acknowledge that this can be so difficult. Give us your grace and your wisdom, that we might become the loving community that you imagine for us. Bring us alongside others whose faith can lift us up and support us as we move through the world. Amen.

(a moment of silent confession)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Our God is slow to anger, quick to forgive, and abiding in steadfast love.
Believe the Good News this day: in Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

***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 28:10-22

Page 43

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

Psalms 139

Page 974

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:24-43

Page 1518

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace”

Words by St. Francis of Assisi; Music by Sebastian Temple; arr. Mark Hayes

Joy Edgar, soprano; Ann Swisher, piano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NRSVUE)

Page 1785

One: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service ”

GtG #761

Called as partners
in Christ’s service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with
deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring,
Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other’s burdens,

breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each
person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From the Confession of Belhar

ALL: We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity; that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Ballade en Mode Phrygien"

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

*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

"We Are One in the Spirit "

GtG #300

We are one in the Spirit;
we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit;
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

We will walk with each other;
we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other;
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land:

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;

yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

We will work with each other;
we will work side by side;
we will work with each other;
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity
and save human pride:

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Allegro in D Major "

Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

Announcements

Welcome!

Welcome to worship! If you have children with you, feel free to hand them one of the cloth toy bags hanging in the back of the sanctuary. 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!

Town Hall Sunday, July 26

Our Strategic Planning Team will be hosting a town hall after worship on Sunday, July 26, to share about the work that they have been doing around updating our mission and vision statements, clarifying strategic goals, and creating action plans for meeting those goals. In preparation for the town hall, you are welcome to pick up and review the handout on the table as you enter into the sanctuary with the updated mission and vision statements and strategic goals. Please join us for this important conversation as we continue to discern our church’s future. Have brunch while you're listening — Your Congregational Life Committee will be providing coffee, donuts and egg casseroles.

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. Come enjoy an opportunity to connect with God and one another!

Girls Thrive Fundraiser Continues

Girls Thrive Fundraiser! An anonymous donor is matching donations, and the fundraiser ends July 31. Thank you. Questions? Visit with Dianna or Carol.

Save the Date! Church Picnic Aug. 30

Don't miss the First Presbyterian Church Summer Picnic -- Sunday , August 30th, following the service. Same place as last year: Kennedy Park in East Helena. Your Congregational Life Committee will provide chicken, ribs, coffee and water. You can bring a potluck item and a camping chair. We'll have life story telling, sing alongs, and more.

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.

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August 30 is the date for this year’s summer picnic, which will be held at Kennedy Park in East Helena. Please plan to bring a dish or dessert to share, along with a chair. The Congregational Life Committee will provide the fried chicken. We hope you will join us!

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