

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Helena, MT

Sunday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Accompanist - Ann Swisher

Liturgist - Art Bumgardner

Pulpit Supply - Arlyn "Butch" Plowman

Prelude

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 148 - Page 982

(Responsive Leader **Congregation**)

Gathering Hymn GTG #15

Prayer of Confession

Peace of Christ / Gloria Patri

Choir Anthem

"Somebody's Prayin' "-John G. Elliot

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Acts 11:1-8 - Page 1711

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6 - Page 1937

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35 - Page 1674

Sermon

"Love Equals Glory"

Response Hymn GTG #300

Offering/Doxology

"Adagio"-Flor Peeters

Prayers of the People

Unison Lord's Prayer

Life of the Church

Sending Hymn GTG #157

Sending (Responsive Leader **Congregation**)

Benediction

Response GTG #542

Postlude

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

Jan Bender (1909-1994)

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This Week

5/17 - Session 6:30 p.m.

5/18 - FPC Choir 7 p.m.

5/19 - Bible Study 4 p.m.

5/20 - Bible Study 12 noon

Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.

Bingo 6 p.m.

5/22 - Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Social Time 11 a.m.

Lost Soles Hike 2 p.m.

Hymns

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice
and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds
and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire,
so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth,
who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Christ bears your burdens
and your fears;
so, even in the midst of tears,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Since Christ our light has
pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God
with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All creatures, bless the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!**

***“We Are One
in the Spirit”
(They’ll Know We Are
Christians by Our Love)***

**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.**

***“I Danced
in the Morning”***

**I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,**

**And I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

**Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance,
said he,**

**And I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe
and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they would not follow me.**

**I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John.
They came with me
and the dance went on.**

**Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance,
said he,**

**And I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame.
The holy people said
it was a shame.**

**They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there
on a cross to die.**

**Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance,
said he,**

**And I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.**

**They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance
and I still go on.**

**Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance,
said he,**

**And I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**They cut me down
and I leapt up high.
I am the life
that will never, never die.**

**I'll live in you
if you'll live in me,**

**I am the Lord of the Dance,
said he.**

**Dance, then,
wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance,
said he,**

**And I'll lead you all,
wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

***“God Be with You
Till We Meet Again”***

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick
confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating
o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN IN MISSION IN GLACIER!

This Holy Week, an intergenerational formation group (by Zoom) will begin to explore together ten ways to grow as salt and light in God's world. This summer, two teams commissioned by Glacier will serve for a week each, one in Basin/Helena, and one at Glacier Camp/Hot Springs/Kalispell, to demonstrate God's care. Will you join in and grow with others in God's family and witness the amazing things God is doing in our world?

See the pink sheets in the back for more information!

There is a \$100 scholarship for the first person from each church that signs up, reducing the cost from \$300 to \$200.

The week at Basin/Helena will be June 16-22, and the week at Glacier Camp/Hot Springs/Kalispell will be July 25-August 1. To get started in the Zoom mission study contact Beth McCaw at beth.glacierpresbytery@gmail.com.

HELENA FOOD SHARE - FILLING EMPTY BOWLS

Tickets are on sale for the May 24 "Filling Empty Bowls" fundraiser for the Helena Food Share. "Join us for an evening with good friends, and enjoy soup made by local chefs in bowls created by local artisans, bread from local bakeries, drinks and music." Tickets at HelenaFoodShare.org/EmptyBowls. Tickets are \$100 each or two for \$175.



COUPONS, WE NEED YOUR COUPONS!!

We need your help by bringing in coupons for those in need here in our community. Please drop them off in the basket in the lobby as you come in the front door, or contact Tonna Strasko for more information.



CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

After-service Social Time has resumed with coffee and snacks. Stop by, pick some up, and enjoy fellowship with others.

And, you can contribute your culinary gifts (or shopping gifts) by volunteering to bring treats for Fellowship Time. See signup sheet on coffee table to volunteer your goodies.

BIBLE STUDIES AT FPC

A Bible Study using the text, "Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together," meets Thursdays at 4:00 pm around the large table upstairs. We will not be meeting this Thursday (May 12), but will meet again on May 19th. Read chapters 2, 3 & 4.

Pastor Scott will lead this study of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount - Matthew chapters 5 through 7. "Following the Call" is a collection of articles written by theologians throughout the ages, from Augustine of Hippo, to Soren Kierkegaard, to C. S. Lewis, to Dietrich Bonhoeffer, to N. T. Wright, about specific pieces of Christ's teachings in these chapters. We will read and discuss how these authors view Christ's words on being blessed because we are hungry, about loving our enemies, about worry, and much more.

And on Friday at noon is the Matthew Bible Study, currently in the 23rd chapter of Matthew. This study is led by John Coefield and meets in the Library West.

Feel free to join in either or both studies!

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAMES

Hand and Foot card games have resumed on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Come join in the fun in the Fellowship area. Never played? No problem! The game is easy to learn and willing teachers abound.

ELDER AND DEACON TRAINING AND LUNCH

Training for the oncoming Elders and Deacons - and any other Elders or Deacons who would like to attend - will take place on Saturday, May 21, starting at 10:30 a.m. And ALL serving Elders and Deacons are invited for a lunch at noon on that day.

We will start at 10:30 in a general session with both Elder and Deacons, enjoy lunch at noon with the larger group, and then break into separate Elder and Deacon training after lunch.

ATTENTION DEACONS

There is a Deacon Meeting today (May 15th) after worship! The meeting was pushed back a week to not interfere with Mother's Day activities.