

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Janet Potter

Liturgist: Vic Reiman

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 “Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One”
Ludwig Lenel (1914-2002)

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; give praise in the firmament of heaven.

ALL: Praise God who is mighty in deed; give praise for God’s excellent greatness.

One: Praise God with the blast of the ram’s-horn; give praise with lyre and harp.

ALL: Praise God with timbrel and dance; give praise with strings and pipe.

One: Praise God with resounding cymbals; give praise with loud-clanging cymbals.

ALL: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

*GATHERING HYMN “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” GtG #35

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all
things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!

Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength. Create in us a clean heart O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son.
(moment of silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

“People Need The Lord”

Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh, arr. Mary McDonald

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Psalm 95:1-7

Page 933

Isaiah 6:1-7

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SERMON SCRIPTURES

John 4:19-26; 39-42

Page 1652

SERMON

“Being the Church: Worship!”

*RESPONSE HYMN:

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

GtG #305

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led
us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now
and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch
the vision, dream the dream!

In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now
and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified!

In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now
and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has
triumphed o'er the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now
and praise the Lord!

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Allegro”

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

*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

CLOSING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" GtG #1

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song
shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
who wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy!
though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness
thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee,
perfect in power,
in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Poco vivace”
Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

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. 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. FYI: Air cleaners in the sanctuary will be off during worship.

Willing Workers Sale Today

Willing Workers final sale of craft items is taking place in the Youth Room today after the worship service. Please price your own items and take them home with you after the sale.

Potluck Next Sunday

Join us for a potluck next Sunday, Jan. 29, after the service! Bring any item — hot dish, dessert, salad, rolls, etc., — and enjoy good food and good fellowship!

Warm Hearts Drive

With Christmas in the taillights, and Valentine’s Day in the headlights, let’s help our disadvantaged friends again this winter. The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Associates of Helena are asking for our help with the “Warm Hearts” Drive. The drive is an ecumenical ministry requesting new blankets and towels to gift the poor on Valentine’s Day. It runs now through Jan. 29. Donated new twin-sized blankets, bath towels, hand towels and wash-cloths will be collected during January and distributed to the disadvantaged through organizations such as The Willis Cruse House, Family Promise, God’s Love, Florence Crittenden Home, Good Samaritan Ministries, Rocky Mountain Development Center, The Friendship

Center, and YWCA. Please help us fill the box which has been placed in the Fellowship area.

Scholarships Available

Applications are now open for the Seeley Family Memorial Scholarship and Larry Linton Scholarship. The scholarships provide assistance to students who are members of FPC or related to a member of FPC, and can be used toward post-secondary education. Information sheets are available in the fellowship room and on the fpchelena.org website. Due date is March 17. The amount available will be posted March 3.

Women's Bible Study

Pastor Janet is leading a women's Bible study this month using the book, "From Widows to Warriors: Women's Stories from the Old Testament," by Rev. Dr. Lynn Japinga. The group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m., in the fellowship room. For details, contact Pastor Janet by email at: pastor@fpchelena.org or calling the church office at 406-442-4775.

Camp Winterfest Coming in February

Glacier Camp Winterfest for high school students is scheduled for Feb. 10-12. The keynote speaker will be Aaron Van Brocklin, who is looking forward to his third summer on the Glacier Camp counseling staff. For details, visit the camp website at www.glaciercamp.org.

Pastor Out Of Office

Pastor Janet will be on vacation Tuesday, Jan. 24 through Thursday, Jan. 26. In case of an emergency, she can be reached by text or email. For other pastoral concerns, contact Deacon on Call Patti Borsberry, your shepherd, or anyone on Session.

Annual Meeting February 12

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the congregation will be Sunday, Feb. 12, after the worship service. By-law changes are being proposed. Annual Reports will be available January 29.

You're Invited:

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Choir 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 27

Bible Study 12 Noon

Hand & Foot Cards 1:30 p.m.