

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Emily Cowser

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"Prayer, in my view, is nothing but friendly intercourse and frequent solitary converse with him who we know loves us." -Teresa of Avila, sixteenth-century mystic

**Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Wm. M. Runyan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Living God, we gather today with joy and anticipation.

ALL: We also carry the burdens, sorrows, and concerns on our hearts.

One: We come seeking your presence.

ALL: We come to worship and praise you.

One: In our singing, our listening, our praying, and our giving,

ALL: Grant us stillness, quiet, and open hearts.

One: Let us worship God together.

*HYMN

"Kum ba Yah"

GtG #472

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord,

kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord,

kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord,

kum ba yah!

O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord,
kum ba yah!
Someone's singing, Lord,
kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord,
kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord,
kum ba yah!
Someone's praying, Lord,
kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord,
kum ba yah!
O Lord, kum ba yah!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Holy One, we say that we love you with all our heart, mind, and soul. But our actions and inaction speak louder than our good thoughts and good words. We have failed to spend time alone with you. Instead, we have put busyness, schedules, pleasurable distractions, and possessions before you, and often before our loved ones. We have assumed it is enough to worship and participate in the life of this community of faith and have too often turned a blind eye to the communities beyond these church walls. Forgive us and help us walk more humbly and lovingly in your 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 22:1-19

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Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that

place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6:12-23

Page 1754

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:40-42

Page 1512

“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Seed”

Video

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalm 13

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How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”;

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;

my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

One: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

GtG #465

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise,
forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take
and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism

One: Why do Christians need to pray?

ALL: Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives God's grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.

One: What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that God listens to?

ALL: First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in God's Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in God's Word.

One: What did God command us to pray for?

ALL: Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

One: What is this prayer?

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Offertory"

Alex Boely

Offering plates are located in the back of the sanctuary. You may also give online at fpchelena.org/giving or by mailing a check to First Presbyterian Church 535 N. Ewing St., Helena, MT 59601.

*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

What a fellowship,
what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness,
what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
(Leaning on Jesus,
leaning on Jesus)
safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,
(Leaning on Jesus,
leaning on Jesus)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk
in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path
grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
(Leaning on Jesus,
leaning on Jesus)
safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,
(Leaning on Jesus,
leaning on Jesus)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread,
what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace
with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,
(Leaning on Jesus,
leaning on Jesus)
safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning,
(Leaning on Jesus,
leaning on Jesus)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“I Will Sing of the Mercies”
James H. Fillmore

Announcements

Welcome!

A special welcome to visitors joining us for worship today. If you have children with you, feel free to hand them one of the cloth bags hanging in the back of the sanctuary — they are filled with books and toys! 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!

Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation Worship Series

This summer, we are utilizing some worship materials published by the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation. This series includes weekly journal activities that you can pick up on the table as you enter the sanctuary.

Ladies Lunch Thursday, July 2

Pack your favorite sack lunch and join the ladies lunch in Centennial Park, Thursday, July 2, at 11:30 am. We'll meet under the canopy beside the softball fields (west). Fellowship and enjoy a summertime meal together! Questions? Need a ride? Call Carol Gneckow.

Girls Thrive Fundraiser Continues

Girls Thrive Fundraiser! Choose tags indicating the amount you'd like to give, and put it, along with your donation, in the shoe box. An anonymous donor has already given \$2,500. This donor will begin matching your donations after we raise \$2,500 and will continue matching gifts up to \$5,000. The fundraiser ends July 31. Thank you. Questions? Visit with Dianna or Carol.

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.

You're Invited!

Monday, June 29	Last Chance Tour Train 11 a.m.
Thursday, July 2	Ladies Lunch in Centennial Park 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, July 5	Worship Service with Communion 10 a.m. Social Time 11 a.m.

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