

Spreading the Good News of Christ
Through Our Love, Words, and Actions

“Small Things”



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

535 North Ewing Street
Helena, MT 59601

June 17, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Father's Day / Fourth Sunday after Pentecost / Ordinary 11 / Proper 6

JUNE 17, 2018

Lay Liturgist – Joy Edgar

** Please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE: "Chant de Paix" (*Song of Peace*) by Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

WELCOME

PREPARING OUR HEARTS *a time of silence*

*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The time is ripe; the harvest is near!

People: Everything old is passing away.

Leader: The kingdom of God is springing to life.

People: See, everything is becoming new!

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

* GATHERING HYMN: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #139

CALL TO CONFESSION: *- based on 1 John 1:8-9*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. We judge by outward appearances, but you see what is in our hearts. We look down on small things, but you know how they will grow. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to live by faith, trusting in the vision of your word and the promise of a new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *- based on Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel:

People: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death;

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation,

Leader: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

People: God embraces us, forgives us. Thanks be to God!

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you,

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

PASSING THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Pieces” by Red

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

- based on Ephesians 1:3-14

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22–24

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The Lord says: I will plant a cedar sprig; it will become a great tree.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6–10, 14-17

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We walk by faith, not by sight; in Christ there is a new creation.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26–34

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Jesus uses parables about seeds to describe the kingdom of God.

SERMON:

“Small Things”

CRE Arlyn “Butch” Plowman

*RESPONSE HYMN:

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

#87

THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

- based on 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Ballade en Mode Phrygien” by Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys, Concerns and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. Amen.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING HYMN:

“This is My Father’s World”

#143

*SENDING AND BENEDICTION

- from Psalm 103

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“God Be With You”

#232

POSTLUDE:

“Grand Jeu” by Jean Langlais

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Sunday	17	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group
Monday	18	6:00 pm	Helena X-Press Singers
		7:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	19	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
		6:00 pm	Young Women’s Bible Study
		7:00 pm	AL-ANON meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	20	9:30 am	Willing Workers
Thursday	21	11:00 am	Bridge Club – ACBL Unit 411
<i>(Summer begins)</i>		4:00 pm	Praise Band practice
		6:30 pm	Youth Group
		7:00 pm	“It’s In the Book” - AA Group
Friday	22	9:00 am	Spring Clean-up
		12:00 pm	Friday Study Group
		1:00 pm	Hand & Foot - Ruth Room
Saturday	23	9:00 am	Spring Clean-up
Sunday	24	10:00 am	Worship Service / Education Hour
		12:00 pm	AA Study Group

Deacons-On-Call

Need a ride, a meal or a home
repair? Call a Deacon on Call:

Rose Leavitt (443-4783)
Joy Edgar (202-2200)

Ushers

Ushers Today (17)

Elroy & Lucille Letcher
Matthew Richards

Ushers Next Week (24)

Kathy Chambers, Carole Massman
Mary Wright

Mark Your Calendars

Lona's Estate Sale
will be here at the church in Potter's House
on

July 13 & 14, 2018

There will be antiques, furniture, collectibles,
mementoes, household items &
much more.

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the
Presbyterian Women.

Prayers for Strength and Healing

Bob Burns	Newell Anderson
B. J. Burns	Jennifer Massman
Donna Carey	Toston LaFournaise
Elroy Letcher	Heather Voeller Waters
Louise Cramer	Court Bourne, Pastor Scott's son
Doris Casebolt	Vella Raucy, Susan Steffens' mother
Joyce Andrews	Susan Byasson, Rose Leavitt's sister
Yvonne Moody	Terry Heinecke, Barrie's sister-in-law
John Gneckow	Jamie Heinecke, Barrie's daughter-in-law
Steve Granzow	Cathy Leavitt, Rose Leavitt's daughter-in-law
Linda Granzow	Heather McAllister, Pastor Scott's daughter
Gale Johnson	Dave Westenbarger, Carol Carpenter's father
Mazie Radcliffe	

Please keep the Military in your Prayers

Dan Boyer	Rick Kosticki
Barry Mattson	Robbie McCain

Prayer Requests - let us know how we can help:

If you have PRAYER NEEDS, please take advantage of our Prayer Chapel after worship, a peaceful place to commune with God. If you would like to have someone pray with you, please seek out an Elder, Deacon or the Pastor, and they will join you or find someone who will pray with you. Other options to make your prayer needs known are:

1. Prayer request cards are found on the shelves behind each pew in the sanctuary, in the Prayer Chapel, and in the youth room. Completed cards can be put in the offering plate, dropped in the prayer request box in the Prayer Chapel, or nailed to the cross in the Youth Room. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can—God knows! If you want the youth of our church to pray for you, nail the prayer request to the cross in the Youth Room.
2. Online prayer requests - go to fpchelena.com and select the button for “prayer” OR send an e-mail to admin@fpchelena.com. Your request will be directly sent to the coordinator, Pearle Plowman- email: pearlynp@msn.com, phone number's - 449-8705-cell 459-6332, for distribution.
3. Call the church – Anyone who answers the phone can either pray with you, direct you to the Deacon on call, and/or pass on the prayer request to the prayer coordinator.

T-Shirts, T-Shirts, T-Shirts

Willing Workers still need T-Shirts for making “little britches” for our Mission Sewing. Men's size S & M, Women's medium & large & Boy's large. You can place your gently worn T-Shirts in the Willing Worker's Basket in the Church Office. Thank you for your continued support of PW's mission efforts.

Prayer Opportunity

This week we are praying for our General Assembly (GA) commissioners. They, and Marsha Anson, have traveled to St. Louis, MO, and will begin what will be a long, hard, exhausting week. They will read hundreds of overtures and reports. They spend time listening and discerning, then deciding.

All presbyteries elect their commissioners every other year to do this important function of the church. Glacier Presbytery's Commissioners:

- Ruling Elder Martha Ripley (FPC in Missoula) is serving on the Bills and Overtures Committee.
- Minister of the Word and Sacrament Scott Wipperman is serving on the Environmental Issues Committee.

Please keep Marsha, Martha and Scott as well as all the other commissioners in your prayers this week, praying for strength, wisdom, stamina and glimpses of joy as they do this important work.

Memory Verse:

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

- **Galatians 6:17–18**

Thought for the Week:

As we begin our summer trips:
Travel changes you. As you move through this life and this world, you change things slightly, you leave marks behind, however small. And in return, life — and travel — leaves marks on you. Most of the time, those marks — on your body or on your heart — are beautiful. Often, though, they hurt.

- **Anthony Bourdain**

(Bourdain's award-winning series, "Parts Unknown," brought the world home to viewers. Through the simple act of sharing meals, he showcased both the extraordinary diversity of cultures and cuisines, yet how much we all have in common. Anthony Bourdain took his own life last Sunday.)

“Reclaiming Jesus” 5 Week Program

A few weeks ago, Pastor Scott discussed the “Reclaiming Jesus” document authored by 23 religious leaders. Stephen Brehe and Mark Wilson (both regular contributors to the Religion page in the IR) will lead a five-week program based on “Reclaiming Jesus.” This local version will run five weeks, beginning Thursday, July 5, from 10 to 11:15 a.m., at the Lewis and Clark Library, 120 S. Last Chance Gulch. Following weekly meeting dates include July 12, 19, 26, and Aug. 2. Even if you can’t make the entire series (it is summer after all), feel free to drop in on the Thursdays you can. There are additional copies of the “Reclaiming Jesus” document on the guest table outside the sanctuary if you would like one and didn’t pick up a copy before.



Building & Grounds Spring Cleanup

**Friday, June 22 & Saturday, June 23
9 am - 5 pm**



Mission Minutes

Our congregation collected a Pentecost offering totaling \$455. A check was sent to PCUSA for global youth programs, and 40% remained for our church to use in youth ministry. It was voted upon by the committee to provide financial assistance for our youth to attend Glacier Camp this summer.

Please remember that we will continue to collect funds throughout the summer to support the Farm Bundle Program. This will help purchase seeds, tools, and provide education for those in need of assistance in third world countries.

Welcome, Guests!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us. We pray for all of us a spiritually satisfying and challenging encounter with the Living Christ. If you would like to know more about the people and programs of this church, be in touch with our pastor, Rev. Wipperman, 442-4775, visit our website: www.fpchelena.com, or take a copy of our monthly church newsletter, *The Mustard Seed*. If possible, return next Lord's Day!



STAFF

Ministers
Pastor
CRE of Pastoral Care
Director of Christian Education
Director of Music and Media
Administrative Assistant
Financial Coordinator
Organist
Nursery Care Attendant

Every Member
Rev. Scott Wipperman
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman
Lexsey Carpenter
Les Cramer
Bruce A. Luke
Jill Lloyd
Ann Swisher
Nicole Carpenter

ELDERS

Linda Bench - 2019
Kathy Chambers - 2019
Marvin Carpenter - 2019
Dianna Goodman - 2019
Judy Birch - 2020
Marshall Gingery - 2020
Matthew Richards - 2020
Mary Craige - 2020
John Coefield - 2021
Joe Steffens - 2021
John Warren - 2021
Mary Wright - 2021
Elaine Gingery, Clerk

DEACONS

Rena Bumgardner - 2019
Joy Edgar - 2019
Arlyn "Butch" Plowman - 2019
Ward & Mary Stiles - 2019
Art Bumgardner - 2020
Patti Borsberry - 2020
Rose Leavitt - 2020
Judy Patton - 2020
Pearle Plowman - 2020
Julie Chaffee - 2021
Candace Coefield - 2021
Corky Lord - 2021
Jim & Charlotte Meyer - 2021

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