

Isaiah 6:1-8
Luke 5:1-11
Called




August 9, 2020
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.
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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Lord, we seek you and your strength.

May we sense your presence in worship today. (Based on Psalm 105:4)

Welcome to worship as we gather in the name of our heavenly Father, Jesus our Savior and the life-giving Spirit. Amen. With voices full of excitement, attitudes full of enthusiasm, and spirits full of joy let us actively give our worship to God.

Be sure to check-in through **Social Media** or text message to let your family members, friends and followers know you are here to praise God. And like us on Facebook.

Please use the time before worship begins to prepare yourself for your **offering of worship** to God. Feel free to listen to music; read and meditate on the Scripture reading for today; or silently meditate on God's grace, emptying your mind of all distractions.

Today we welcome Marsha Anson who is preaching while John is on vacation. Others who helped to prepare and lead worship this morning are Butch Steele, April Hansen, Kari Rosenleaf, Dave Dobbs, Joan Schmidt, Alissa Brown, Alex Rosenleaf, and Johnny Ritchie.

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* Please stand as able

*We are the Body of Christ
Joyfully Worshiping God
Compassionately Caring for One Another
Humbly Serving God
Continually Growing in God's Word
Actively Sharing the Good News of Christ
May our worship be pleasing to God!*

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Cantilena, Josef Rheinberger

Welcome

*Call to Worship (Leader **People**)

The Lord is mighty and full of glory

Let us gather at God's holy mountain.

In Jesus Christ we have seen God's glory

Let us gather in God's holy church.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise #69

Here I Am, Lord

*Call to Confession (Leader **People**)

God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him,

we dare to approach God in confidence.

*Prayer of Confession (**Unison**)

God our Redeemer, we confess

that our lives do not reflect your glory

You shine on us with wonder,

Yet we fail to see your beauty.

You speak to us with truth,

But we fail to heed your voice.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Open our eyes to your glory

Open our hearts to your mercy;

Open our lives to your call;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Silent Personal Prayers for Forgiveness)

*Assurance of Forgiveness (Leader **People**)

Followers of Jesus, brothers and sisters in Christ:

God has promised salvation to us, to our children, & to all who are near and far.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HEARING THE GOOD NEWS

Message in Music

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore, Cesareo Gabarain

Scripture & Message

Isaiah 6:1-8

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RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*Affirmation of Faith (**Unison**)

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

*Hymn of Response #170

You Walk along Our Shoreline

Offering

Fishers of Men, Harry D. Clarke

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13, KJV, Traditional) (**Unison**)

**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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever.**

Amen.

SENDING FOR SERVICE

*Sending Hymn #697

Take My Life

*Charge

*Blessing

*Postlude

Rigaudon, Andre Campra

May our service be pleasing to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our times of worship are now **live-streamed** on our YouTube channel; search for “First Presbyterian Church Great Falls MT” on the YouTube website. Recordings of previous live-streams will remain on our YouTube channel. Links to both live-streams and recordings will be posted to our Facebook page.

Gates of the Mountains Boat Trip We will leave the church at noon TODAY. Please pack a sack lunch to bring with you. Rides are available or we can carpool or just form a train on the way there. Masks are required. Costs are: Adults 18-59 - \$16, Senior 60+ - \$14, Child 4-17 - \$10. We should be back around 6:00 p.m.

Jonah: A Prophet on the Run Join us for a study of the book of Jonah Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. (or Sundays at 8:15 a.m.) What are the messages of judgment and grace to us today from this rebel prophet? Let John or the office know if you need the Zoom link sent to you.

Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to the church office (we are receiving mail) or made online through our website.

If you are not receiving **emails**, please send your current email address to the office, secretary@firstpresgfmt.org.

Souler Energy, our weekly Sunday Worship broadcast, can be viewed every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on KFBB TV Channel 5 (cable channel 9).

COMING WORSHIP THEMES

Next Sunday, August 16, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 1

Running Away from God

August 30, 2020

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3

Conversion of Nineveh

August 23, 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 2

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

September 6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 4

Jonah's Anger & Jonah is Reproved
Communion

MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom Unless Noted

Sunday, August 9

8:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:00 noon

Tuesday, August 11

4:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12

7:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 13

10:00 a.m.

12:00 noon

Next Sunday, August 16

8:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

John is on vacation through Friday

Jonah Bible Study

Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary)

Fellowship Time

Gates of the Mountains Boat Trip

Finance Committee

Property Committee

Men's Group

Jonah Bible Study

Spiritual Life Committee

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom Unless Noted

Tuesday, August 18 Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1 Souler Energy Committee, 12:00 noon

Thursday, September 3 Worship Committee, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8 Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m.

Property Committee, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 10 Spiritual Life Committee, 12:00 noon

The Officers and Staff of First Presbyterian Church welcome you
to this time of worship and invite you to join us in ministry!

Head of the Church

Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior

Session

John Ritchie (Moderator)

Ginger Blevins
Alissa Brown
Jan Brown

Sara Buley
Rees Davies
Dave Dobbs

Mary Fagenstrom
Kathy Herman
Randy Houtz (Clerk)

Scott Royce
Dean Schamp

Deacons

Stuart Brown
Bruce Buer (Mod.)
Kitty Cornwell

Shirley Davis
Tom Hazen
Dave Herman

Chris Pfof
Deb Skinner

Robb Sparks
Marla Wilckens

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Butch Steele, Worship Video Coordinator

Alex Rosenleaf, Choir Director
Kari Rosenleaf, Bell Choir Director
Laura Jerome, Praise Band Director
Brittany Collins, Nursery

A Lachrymatory Lesson To calm his crying children, Charles Ferrell used to say, “Wait until I get a jar! I want to catch and save your tears.” While he pretended to search for a vessel, his kids usually quieted down. Tear jars were actually common in biblical times. Called *lachrymatories*, they’re still sold in Old Jerusalem. Bible characters had a variety of uses for these jars. The woman who cried at Jesus’ feet may have felt such sorrow about her wayward lifestyle that she brought a jar of her tears and added to them. In Psalm 23:5 (KJV), the cup that “runneth over” may have referred to a lachrymatory filled with tears of joy due to God’s goodness.