

An Order of Worship
First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, MT
October 25, 2020

Words of Welcome

Prayer

Let us pray.
To you, O God, we lift up our souls.
To you we offer our praise and prayer, our worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives.
Make your ways known to us.
Show us the path on which we should walk.
Lead us in your truth and teach us.
For you alone are the God who saves,
the God in whom we trust;
and the One on whom we wait.
Amen.

Prelude

Call to Worship

We gather today, in the name of the One who is the Alpha and Omega, the First and Last.
We gather today, in the name of the One who gives all the opportunity
for repentance that leads to life.
We gather today, in the name of the One whose command created all things.
We gather today, in the name of the One whose glory is far above earth and heaven.
We gather today, in the name of the One who will one day make his dwelling
with humanity.
We gather today, in the name of the One who will make all things new.
Make us new, Lord. Make us new.

Hymn 559

We Gather Together
(all verses)

Call to Confession

So often when we speak of sins,
we think of things that are morally reprehensible or socially unacceptable.
If we think of sin as anything keeping us from living openly with God and others,
anything preventing us from being the creature God intended,
we realize that much of our sin is actually legal or socially acceptable.
Let us confess those sins before God and before each other.

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray.
Eternal and loving Father, you comfort, support and encourage us.
Your goodness and kindness go beyond our understanding.
Your grace is richer and deeper than we can begin to comprehend.
Yet despite your gracious love and faithful care,
we seek to go our own way and to trust our own resources.

Time after time, we choose our plans over your will.
Over and over again, our pride, self-reliance and self-centeredness lead us astray.
We confess we are sinners in need of forgiveness.
We admit we are flawed, broken people in need of mercy.
Through the person and work of Jesus Christ,
 forgive us for all the times we have failed you.
Cleanse our hearts, and make them fresh and new.
Renew our minds for your kingdom's sake.
Empower us to be your Son's disciples for his glory.
We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear these words regarding prayer:
 "Ask and it will be given to you;
 search, and you will find;
 knock and the door will be opened for you."
Know that God longs to hear our prayer, and longs to communicate back.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Let us live at peace as forgiven people. Amen.

Hymn 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
(verses 1, 3, 5)

Prayer of Illumination, Scripture, and Sermon

Psalm 27 "Whom Shall I Fear"

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold¹ of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Prayers of the People

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

Invitation to Give

Hymn 375

Lord of All Good
(verses 1 & 2)

Charge and Blessing

Choose the Lord, this day and always.
Serve the Lord in this moment and the next.
Love the Lord in your heart and with all your strength.
Praise the Lord in your gladness and sadness.
Be at peace in the Lord, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude