

GATHERING

Prelude

Variations on *Puer Nobis Nascitur* by Christa Rakich, Thomas Gieschen and Michael Burkhardt
Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns, Arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed.

One: In Christ's death and resurrection, we find renewal:

All: He has given us new life and hope.

One: God has claimed us as God's own.

**All: God has brought us out of darkness
and into the light of God's love.**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gathering Song: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns and earth reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia!

Death in vain forbid him rise, alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise! Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!

Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia!

Charles Wesley; Arr. NCC Worship**

PRAISING

Prayer of Adoration

Let us pray.

O Lord, we give you thanks, for you are good! Your steadfast love endures forever.
You have opened your arms to us, and so we come this morning with eager anticipation,
seeking to know you, to see you,

God of resurrection power, in calling your Son out of the tomb,
you called the whole creation into new life.

Even now, you call us to join your way of resurrection,

you lift our eyes and raise our hearts,

you transform our minds and renew our spirits.

Bring us once again into awareness of your presence,

that we may offer you our worship,

and be nourished for your kingdom's work.

We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

Let us join our voices together as we sing of our Risen Christ.

My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

When the enemy surrounds, and my heart grows faint within,
When the darkness overwhelms, and my fears are pressing in,
I will trust in You, O Lord; in the silence I will wait. I will stand upon Your Word.

*Refrain 1: You're my solid rock and my salvation, my steadfast hope that won't be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.*

You're my stronghold and my shield in the midst of every threat.
Though the wicked never yield, they will vanish like a breath.
Yes, I know the outcome's sure; Satan's evil plans will fail. In Your power I'm secure.

*Refrain 2: You're my solid rock and my salvation, my steadfast hope that won't be shaken,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken, my refuge and my sure foundation,
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You.*

This is love I can't explain, this is mercy unreserved.
Through Your sacrifice so great, I have peace that's undeserved.
For the battle has been won, and I fear no shame or loss; now the sting of death is gone. *Refrain 2*
Keaton Bunting and Bob Kauflin**

BELONGING

Dedication to Jesus Christ

Ari Adams, daughter of Drew and Katie Adams, born July 21, 2023
Siñaana Cleveland, daughter of Gerald and Krystina Cleveland, born December 13, 2023
Holden Graef, son of Austin and Lexi Graef, born December 31, 2022

The Sacrament of Baptism

Rowan Michael Adair, son of Haleigh and Ramsey Adair, born May 7, 2022
Emerson Dean Wright, son of Eric Wright and Courtney Gerard, born December 21, 2022
Maryanne Lee Wright, daughter of Eric Wright and Jessica Wright, born October 31, 2018
Courtney Marie Gerard

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant

Jamie Halderman Armstrong

Affirmation of Congregational Support

Do we, as members of the Body of Christ, welcome these sisters and brothers into his Church with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Jesus, to grow in relationship with the family of faith, and to become part of God's mission of saving love for all the world?

If so, say, 'We do.'

All: We do.

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

In Christ Alone

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Christ Alone'. It consists of six staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The final line of the score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my
In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
There in the ground His bod - y lay, light of the
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the
light, my strength, my song; this Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fi - nal
Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of
love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His
cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the
me; for I am His, and He is mine, bought with the
hand, till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the
love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; Arr. Jonathan Rathbone and Paul Campbell**

FORMING

Sermon: Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salómē bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Song of Response: Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death



What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone,
What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is good,
Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives;



Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence?
God is good. Where is His grace and good - ness known?
Christ, He lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en bring?



That our souls to Him be - long. Who holds our days with - in His
In our great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a -
Ev - er - last - ing life with Him. There we will rise to meet the



hand? What comes, a - part from His com - mand? And what will
rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the
Lord, then sin and death will be des - troyed, and we will



keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
feast in end - less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.



O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le -



lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker and Matt Papa;
Arr. John Langley and Paul Campbell**

STEWARDSHIP

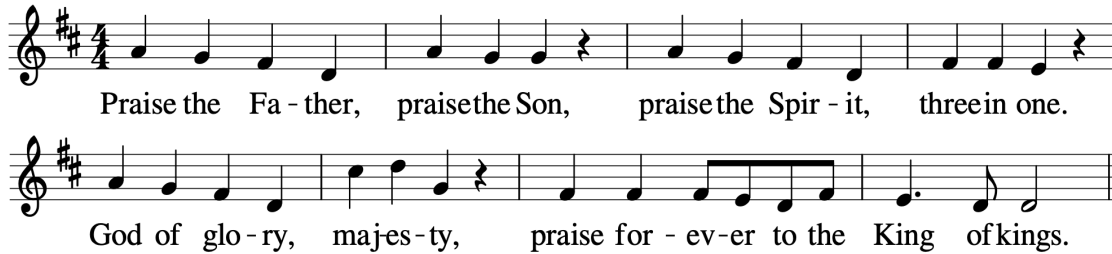
Invitation to Offering

The offering this morning will support the Helping Hands ministry.
The Helping Hands ministry assists Missoula families with emergency needs, such as rental and deposit fees, power and phone bills, groceries, interim housing, car repairs and more.
Please write checks to First Presbyterian Church.

Song: King of Kings

*One: In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
till from heaven, You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word,
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.*

Please join in singing the refrain:



Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one.
God of glo - ry, majes - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of kings.

*One: To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. Refrain*

*One: And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.
And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. Refrain*
Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood and Jason Ingram**

Prayers of the People

Let us join our hearts together in prayer.

Gracious God, on this Easter morning, we come in gratitude to You for sending Your Son to this earth to live among us, suffer on the cross, and be raised from the dead to reign forever. In raising Jesus from the dead, you triumphed over the power of the grave and opened the way to Your kingdom of life. We give thanks for the ways in which You call us by name and invite us to enter into Your redeeming Story which continues to unfold.

On this day, many of us come in joy and celebration, while others of us come carrying heavy burdens. The tension of hope and despair is strong in this broken world. Division, violence, natural disasters, and grief have left us feeling weary and hopeless. And so we come this morning in need of the hope of new life from a Savior who suffers with us and still rises from the dead.

God of justice and peace, we pray for all who live in war-torn lands. Where there is fear, send Your comfort. Where there is hunger, send Your sustenance. Where there is violence, send Your peace.

We pray for those under the weight of grief, especially those in this space who are experiencing their first Easter celebration without a loved one.
Be near to the broken-hearted, Lord.

We pray for those who are suffering in body or in spirit, who long for Your healing and wholeness, and ask that You would give Your strength to those who have nothing left to give.

We pray for those who have counted themselves excluded from Your grace because of who they are or what they've done. God of love, remind us that You sent Your Son into the world so that *all of your children* might have abundant life. Help us to be a community that embodies Your inclusive and unlimited love.

Grow us into Resurrection People, people who can see and point to Your redeeming love which fills the whole earth. Help us to view all of life through the lens of Christ's resurrection, knowing that You can and will bring new life out of the darkest circumstances.

We pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord,
who taught us to pray with these words:

**Our Father, who art 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 forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

SENDING

Sending Song: Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King;
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem all who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the kingdom to be children of light
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right, that the life of Christ may shine through us.

*Refrain: King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name.*

Hear the call of the kingdom to reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross;
Bringing peace, and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come,
Let the nations put their trust in Him. *Refrain*
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend**

Benediction

Leading in Worship This Morning:

Liturgist: Tracey Cravy

Sermon: Dan Cravy

Musicians: Austin Graef, Cheyenne Brown, Emma Thackston,
Fred Leuty, Jens Jacobsen, Joselyn Thomsen, Kalani Padilla,
Nick Barr, Noah Hill, Simon Hill, Tomi Kent
Slide, Sound and Video Techs: Char Davis,
Zane Reneau and Sean Barry

FPC Ministry Staff:

Pastor: Dan Cravy

Worship Director: Emma Thackston

Children, Youth and Family Director: Austin Graef

Church Operations Manager: Becky Kress

Program Support Administrator: Jo Ruby

Church Secretary: Haleigh Adair

Bell Choir Director: Tomi Kent

Parish Associates: Rev. Janet Malone and Rev. Bob Schurr

Preaching Pastor, Blackfoot Church of the Potomac: Natalie Mauer

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Prayer List

Ongoing Prayer Support: Victor Schlimgen, Eva Tsosie and son Chaske, Tom Tucker,
Sheryl Tegeberg, Lou Power, Kelley Nicholson, Peggy Schalk, Betty Winchell

Prayers for Health and Healing: Bob Maitland, Haleigh Adair, Carl Miller,
Annabelle Olds, John MacDonald, Pam Dubois, Janet Malone, Bob Davis

We'd love for you to join us in these upcoming opportunities for connection at FPC:

We will gather for **treats and coffee** next door just following worship,
and there will be **Easter egg hunts** for all ages:

11:15am: Ages 5 & under

11:20am: Grades 1-3

11:30am: Grades 4 through adult

Meet on the front lawn!

Proceeds from our annual **Rummage Sale** go toward the Casas por Cristo house-building trip in Juarez, Mexico. A team of nearly 50 persons from FPC will be traveling there in June to build houses for three families.

Casas Team Set-Up: Monday, April 1st, 6:30-8pm

Drop-Off: Wednesday, April 3rd, 10am-6pm
& Thursday, April 4th, 9am-12pm

Sort Donations: Wednesday, April 3rd, 10am-6pm
& Thursday, April 4th, 9am-3pm

Sale: Friday, April 5, 9am-5pm,
Saturday, April 6th, 9:-11:30am (Half Price Sale),
& Saturday, April 6th, 12:-2:30pm (Bag Sale)

Casas Team Tear Down: Saturday, April 6th, 2:30-8pm

If you can contribute any time during this period, please contact Jo Ruby at jo@fpcmissoula.org. Lots of help is needed, and it is fun work!

Items needed: Thank you for donating your CLEAN and workable/usable items! Please do not drop off early as we do not have the volunteers to sort early.

We are unable to accept children's car seats, skis, microwaves, sofa beds, luggage, computers and electronic equipment.

Morning Prayer is moving to Tuesday mornings.

Each Tuesday at 8:30am, we gather in the Sanctuary for 15-20 minutes of prayer, Scripture, reflection, and silence.

Our **nursery** is scheduled to be completed on Sunday, April 14th! Following worship that morning, we invite you to come down to see the new space for our infants and toddlers, and we invite you to be a part of celebrating this new space through a "baby shower" for the nursery. For this baby shower, we're hoping to find two reclining chairs, a loveseat, a changing table, changing pads, furniture (such as a dresser) for diaper storage, and children's books. If you have one of these items you'd like to donate, or if you have other items you'd like to donate, please get ahold of Austin at 406-529-9922 or austin@fpcmissoula.org.

The Deacons' **Topper's Party** will be Saturday, April 20th at 4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Those who are 65+ are invited to come for a time of fellowship, food, and fun! Keep an eye out for an invitation in your mailbox.

Our next **Sending Sunday** is April 28th. Following worship that morning, we will be extending some care and attention to our church buildings and grounds. Wear your work clothes to worship!