

Worship with FPC | July 20th, 2025 | Mark 6.30-44

In 1996, I graduated from UM with a degree in Journalism.
Then I promptly went into ministry.

Neither I nor my parents immediately saw the connection; that would come in time.

But nearly 30 years later, one thing I can't stop doing: **writing headlines**. Every time I preach – whether I mention it on Sunday or not (I usually don't) – I write a headline for the passage. I literally can't help it.

So this week, as we look together at how Jesus finds a rhythm of solitude and community in his life and work and rest – here's my headline for Sunday's passage from the **Good News according to Mark chapter 6:**

JESUS RETREATS AFTER TRAUMA & STRESS; REMOTE WORK STILL FINDS HIM

More on Sunday, friends, hope you'll join us for the rest of the story! -Steve

We will be together in the Sanctuary for worship this Sunday at 9:30am. You can also click this link **to live-stream** our worship service (or view it afterward): https://www.youtube.com/live/j_mcZtqISn8

To listen by phone to the live 9:30am worship service on Sunday via Zoom, call 253-215-8782. You will be asked to enter three codes:

Meeting ID: 84025131691 (then #)

Participant ID: (just press #)

Password: 658627 (then #)

You will also be able to join worship by clicking the link on FPC's web page at www.fpcmissoula.org, or find it on Facebook at 'First Presbyterian Church Missoula.'

Practicing the Way Summer Sermon Series & Book

What are people of faith to do in a time when 'Christians' have come to bear far more resemblance to our frenetic, fractured culture than to Christ? How do we who may long to follow Jesus resist being co-opted by shady algorithms, political idolatries, you-do-you cultural lies, and the countless dopamine dealers deployed intentionally to influence how we think, feel, believe, shop, vote, and live?

Pastor John Mark Comer is calling for something simple(?) but profound: to *apprentice* ourselves to Jesus. To practice his Way. We will base FPC's summer sermon series on Comer's book, *Practicing the Way*. We find his quiet response to the world's emptiness and noise all in the subtitle: *Be with Jesus, Become like him, Do as he did*.

You are invited to read Comer's book this summer – perhaps with a friend or group that you create. You can pick up a copy online or on the Fellowship Hall kiosk for \$10. More copies have been ordered and should continue to arrive next week. You are also invited to gather with Pastor Dan in Elms Park (3100 Park St) to discuss the book on Wednesday, July 30, at 6:30pm (bring a lawn chair).

Pastor Dan Away July 7-24

Dan will be away and unavailable by phone, text or email Monday, July 7th, to Thursday, July 24th. Jan Everett and the FPC Care Team are available for needed support. On call for pastoral emergencies will be Rev. Janet Malone, July 7 - 13, and Rev. Steve Lympus, July 14-24.

Deacons Looking for Volunteer Pianist

As the Deacon for organizing Communion at The Village, I am in need of a pianist that would be able to play for us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. It is from 2:15-3:00. If you can help us out, call Meg Limberger at (406)880-7977. I have one other person already but they cannot accompany us every month. Thank you for considering this ministry.

Invitation to be Baptized

For those who may be considering baptism for yourselves or for your children...

In August, we will welcome children and adults feeling drawn to be baptized. We can coordinate that for our Sunday worship, or at the Clark Fork River, or in Flathead Lake up at Glacier Camp (August 15-17), depending on circumstances. Let's talk! **Baptism** is the one-time sign and seal of forever-welcome into the unmerited grace of Jesus Christ and his body, the Church. Jesus calls us who have entrusted our lives to him to be baptized and to baptize others (Matthew 28.19-20). We baptize babies as a sign of God's grace in Jesus reaching out to us through families long before they can even say a word (as in Acts 16.13-15). And we baptize adults as a sign that the grace of Jesus calls for our response of publicly-proclaimed faith (as in Acts 2.37-41).

Please let Pastor Dan know if you would like to talk about or plan for baptism (dan@fpcmissoula.org), and he'll get back to you toward the end of July or early August.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed: Saturday, August 2nd

We have a group build day scheduled with Habitat for Humanity on the 2nd of August to help them with their current project. It is a triplex on Burlington street. We are hoping to find 10 volunteers to help on a morning shift and another 10 for the afternoon shift. You are welcome to do both if so inclined! For liability reasons, volunteers must be over 16 for this project. Please contact Bill Maitland (808)636-5618 or m8landw@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

ALL CHURCH CAMPOUT

Come join us **August 15-17** for an excellent weekend of being together up at our church camp, Glacier Camp (Flathead Lake). This weekend promises to be fun, exciting, relaxing and a great time of community. You can choose to be in either a tent, small cabin or bring your rv/trailer to park. We will be using the lower lodge and area, complete with the big fire ring and lake front. Registrations are here! They are located on the kiosk in the fellowship hall and the church office. Please turn in to Jo! All ages welcome! Questions? Contact Jo: jo@fpcmissoula.org

Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:

July

- Practicing the Way Conversation with Dan: Wednesday July 30th, 2025, 6:30pm, Elms Park

Helping Hands

For questions related to emergency assistance, please contact our Helping Hands Team: Jan Everett (jeverett53@gmail.com), Jane Hogan (2jhogan@gmail.com) or Krista Hellem (kristahellem@yahoo.com).

Prayer List

Ongoing Prayer Support: Victor Schlimgen, Tom Tucker, Kelley Nicholson, Haleigh Adair, Nick Bailey, Peggy Schalk, Mike & Mary Fussell, Gloria Andrew

Prayers for Health and Healing: Jill Gilliam, Sarah Shepard, LeeAnn Meloche-Porter, Wayne Morrow

Condolences: The family and friends of Donald (Don) Johnston,
The family and friends of Annabelle Olds (granddaughter of Meg Limberger)