

## FPC Interactive Worship Bulletin for January 24, 2021

### PRAYER LIST

**Ongoing Support:** Victor Schlimgen, Mary Barnett, Roy Miller, Steve Chocon, Nancy and John MacDonald, Lou Power

**Health and Healing:** Steve Hasterlik, Kelly Nicholson, Jason Kirchner, Bob Maitland, Bob Bricker, Irene Smith, Allen Surber, Jack Freer, Michaela (Boyette) Fetzer, Eva Tsosie, Chaske Hoyt, Eric Barry, Jessica Loewen, Lorraine Chavez, Jessica Jones, Steve Arno, Bob Rheinschmidt, Pete Heyler

**Condolences:** Family and Friends of Betty Gauld, Family and Friends of Jerry Power, Former Pastor Wayne and Janice Morrow, Friends and Family of Dave Andrew III

**PRELUDE** *Emma Thackston*

**WELCOME** *Dan Cravy*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

We're grateful you are 'here' today, whether in this sanctuary or at home. If you're visiting with us, you are welcome here. (Please do share your contact information with us. There are welcome cards on the table in the back so we might reach out to you.) We continue to wear cloth face coverings throughout worship and refrain from singing until the time soon coming, we hope, when we will all be free to belt out our praise together.

Today we are grateful to have Austin Graef sharing the Word with us. Austin is our Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry.

One announcement: Our Congregational Celebration will be on Sunday, February 7. Please put that date on your calendar. Worship will be at 9:30 a.m., in person, streaming, & recorded as usual. Our Annual Meeting will follow at 11 a.m., by Zoom. And we'll get you the link as always.

Let us prepare our hearts to worship the Lord who sets us truly free!

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Erik, Everett and Ernie Farnham*

Brothers and sisters, boys and girls—

come and worship!

Even if you're tired and worn out—

come and worship!

Lay down the heavy things you are carrying— come and worship!

Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you—

come and worship!

See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you— come and worship!

For Jesus is humble and gentle,

and he will give us everything we need to follow him.

**OPENING PRAYER** *Erik, Everett and Ernie Farnham*

Life-giving God,

we gather in Your presence

to offer You thanksgiving and praise

for all that You have done for us.

Through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ,

we have been set free -

free from the power of sin that leads to death, free to follow the leading of Your Holy Spirit, free to love You with all our heart and soul and strength, free to worship!

May Your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers. Open our hearts and minds to Your presence among us and within us, and to the Word You have for us today.

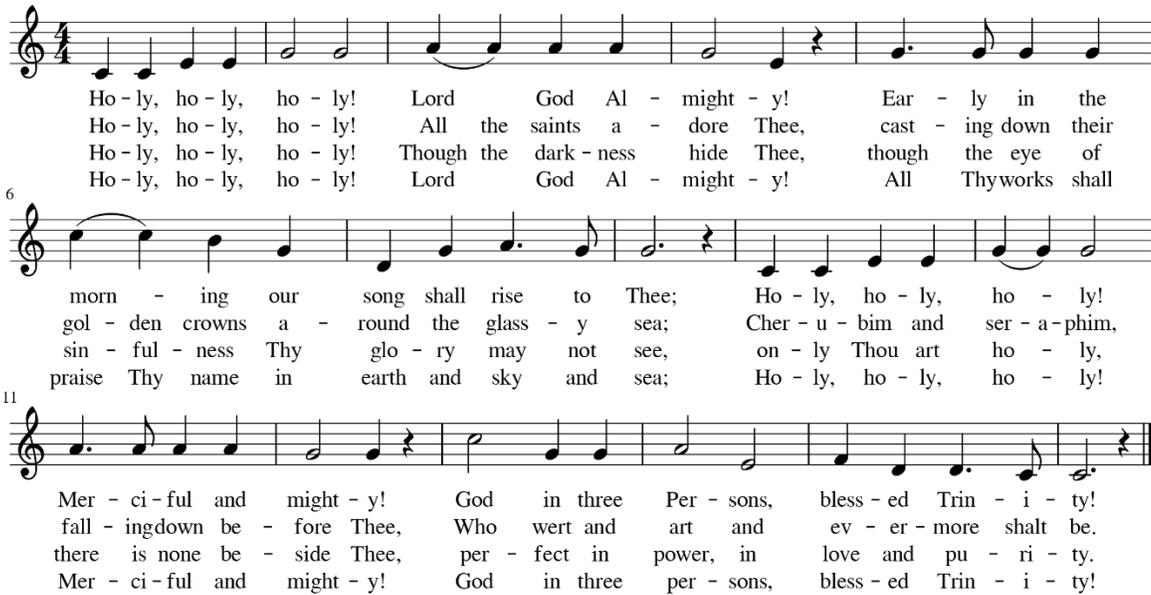
To You alone, life-giving God,

belongs all praise and honor and glory,

now and to the end of time.

Amen.

## OPENING SONG "Holy, Holy, Holy"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee, cast - ing down their  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee, though the eye of  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! All Thyworks shall  
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morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!  
gol - den crowns a - round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
sin - ful - ness Thy glo - ry may not see, on - ly Thou art ho - ly,  
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praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!  
Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
fall - ing down be - fore Thee, Who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
there is none be - side Thee, per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Martha Ripley*

Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and in our pain. Out of the depths God cries to us, asking us to repent, to return to God with our whole hearts, to admit our sin, and to accept forgiveness. So let us pray with one another.

God of all righteousness, we know how the apostle Paul counted himself as a righteous person when he was zealously carrying out the law as a Pharisee. He considered himself to be blameless, but counted all that as loss when he came to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. From that time on, righteousness took on a new meaning. Paul knew that he no longer needed to perform exemplary deeds in order to earn your love. All he had to do was to accept your gracious and unconditional love.

Forgive us, O God, when we believe that righteous behavior is all that is needed to secure your love. We know that we can neither earn nor deserve all that you have done for us.

Help us to surrender our worldly attitudes and values so that, like Paul, we can celebrate anew lives centered in Jesus Christ.

Whatever gains we may have experienced in our lives, like Paul may we regard them as loss, compared to the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus as our Lord. This we pray in his name. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Martha Ripley*

The Lord has done great things for us,  
as 'our righteousness is one that comes through faith in Christ,  
the righteousness from God based on faith.'

The good news is this:

In Jesus Christ we are accepted,  
we are loved, and we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

## SONG "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

**SERMON** *Austin Graef* – See [fpcmissoula.org](http://fpcmissoula.org) or *FPC News email* for Jan. 21

**SONG OF RESPONSE** “Be Thou My Vision”



Be Thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me,  
Ri - ches I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise. Thou mine in - her - i - tance,  
High King of hea - ven, my vic - tor - y won. May I reach hea - ven's joys,



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save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, wak - ing or  
now and al - ways. Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart. High King of  
O bright hea - ven's sun. Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, still be my



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sleep - ing, Thy pre - sence, my light.  
hea - ven, my trea - sure, Thou art.  
vi - sion, O ru - ler of all.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *Dan Cravy*

Gracious God:

How grateful we are for the way you set us free by your grace - not for small religion, not for mere rule-following, but to take pleasure in the wheatfields of your provision and to participate in the kindness of your compassion.

Free us, Lord, to inspect ourselves for that inner Pharisee that looks askance at those who we might judge as unreligious or unworthy of your goodness.

We pray especially in this week of presidential transition that you might grace us to offer malice to none and charity to all. Grace to extend grace to one another.

We do pray in this week for a new beginning that is unifying – not in agreement – but in respect for one another. And we pray for our new president and governor, for our new Congress and state legislature and city officials – indeed for our democracy - asking you to supply wisdom and conviction and humility in both leaders and people, toward the common good.

Today we pray for the release of all persons, especially those on our hearts, especially those you know to be poor, hungry, sick, and marginalized. We pray for the wholeness, integrity, welfare, security, justice, and harmony of all. Through the gospel at work in your church and beyond it.

We pray these things asking for your will to be done and your kingdom to come, on earth as it is in heaven, even as you taught us to pray...

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.

Amen.

**OFFERING** *Emma Thackston*

As we continue in worship, we remember that God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love and freedom we find in Jesus Christ, and in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit among and within us. In response to this generosity, let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, our money, and our lives. I invite you to participate in the ministry of giving, however that may look for you. If you wish to financially support FPC as it seeks to serve and honor God and His people, you can give online, mail a check to the church, or leave your gift in the offering plates on your way out this morning. Let's join our hearts together in song as we ask God to use us in the world this week.

**SENDING SONG** "Send Us Out"

Send us out to pro - claim the reign of your king - dom, send us out to pro - claim, and to heal, send us

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out with your pow - er and your au - thor - i - ty to o - ver - come and to heal the world.

**SENDING** *Austin Graef*  
Friends,

As you enter into the world this week, I encourage you to leave behind whatever pretenses you might have. Rather than going with what might seem expected, I encourage you to walk with the reckless love and absurd grace that Jesus himself walked with. I encourage you to find those people who, should things be left the way they are now, might never receive the healing love of God. Be the messenger of the light of Christ today, and each day this week.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or even imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus, for all generations, forever and ever.

And all the people of God said: Amen.