



Sunrise Presbyterian Church

Outside My Own Little World — Week 6: Give Me Open Hands and Open Doors

Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Jessica Crane Munoz

*Please rise in body/spirit as you are able.

Announcements

Pastor Jessica

 Prelude

Ancient of Days

Kim Peachy

arr. Bethany K. Smith

Call to Worship:

Pastor Jessica

Leader: Beyond these walls, beyond ourselves, God is at work in the world.

All: We come to lift our eyes past our own horizons.

Leader: The Lord calls us out of our small and guarded worlds, into and engaged with our neighbors and our God.

All: Come, Holy Spirit; widen our hearts and open our spirits to the world around us.

*🎵 Hymn # 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

vs. 1,3,4

* Call to Confession

Liturgist: Eric Chigbrow

Trusting in the grace of God, who searches us and knows us and loves us still, let us confess our sins — both as a community and in the silence of our own hearts.

 Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Liturgist

Merciful God, we confess that we have built our lives too small. We have drawn the circle of our concern tightly around ourselves and called it peace. We have looked away from the neighbors in need and mistaken our comfort for your will. Forgive us. Turn our eyes outward, our hearts toward our kindred, and our hands toward the work you have given us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

Leader: Hear the good news: God does not leave us in our small and guarded lives. In Jesus Christ, the walls come down, our sins are forgiven, and we are set free to live for others.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Glory to God (Hymn # 583)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia.

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

 Prayer of Illumination (*non-responsive, please be seated*)

Liturgist

Living God, by your Spirit open our ears to hear more than words, and our hearts to be changed by what we hear. Let your Word draw us out of ourselves and into your world; through Christ we pray. Amen.

 Scripture

1 John 3:18-22

Liturgist

Children's Message

When 2 or more are present

* Hymn # 714

God of the Fertile Fields

 Scripture

James 2:14-17

Pastor Jessica

Invitation to Offering

Liturgist

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. What we bring is only what we have first received. As a sign of open hands and open hearts, let us return to God a portion of God's own gifts, for the life of the world beyond these walls.

Offering trays are not passed in the sanctuary. However, we recognize the importance of blessings and giving through the offertory portion of our service.

If you wish to make a financial gift, an offering tray is located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Financial gifts may also be made through the church website.

 Offertory Music

Jesus Loves Me
arr. Joel Raney

Kim Peachy

*  Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*  Prayer of Thanksgiving/Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Liturgist

Holy God, Receive these gifts, and the dedication of our lives to your service. Send us, beyond our own little world — to feed, to visit, to welcome, and to love in your name. Give us wisdom to be good stewards of all that we have been given. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayer of Intercession: (responsive)

Pastor Jessica

Leader: God of the near and the far, you refuse to leave us in our own small worlds. Draw our hearts outward this week toward the neighbors we have not yet met.

All: Widen our circle, O God, until it looks like yours.

Leader: For the lonely, the overlooked, and the ones we pass without seeing — make us their neighbor, and make them ours.

All: Bind us together in your love, that none may dwell alone.

Leader: We pray for neighborhoods and communities and peoples around the globe, that your peace would dwell among them and that you would bring unity and grace into conversations and interactions of all sorts.

All: And we pray for those we know, whose names we have lifted today, and others who are mourning, healing, living with uncertainties, and those who need your presence to draw close and be known.

Leader: We offer these prayers in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

*🎵 Hymn # 700

I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me

Sending Out God's People into the World

*Benediction

🎵 Postlude
(seated)

To God Be the Glory
arr. Mark Hayes

Kim Peachy



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Office Hours: 8:30-12:30 Monday-Thursday

Symbols within the bulletin are to assist folks attending our worship service who respond better to social cues when they are visualized. We want everyone to feel comfortable and confident when they attend worship. 🙏 = prayer, 🎵 = music to listen to, 🎶 = music to sing to, 📖 = scripture or textual reading, ✠ = celebration of a sacrament, 🙌 = clapping is appropriate. **Bold text indicates places for congregational participation.**

Calendar of Events

August Deacons: Janette Forsyth & Ember Woods			
Aug 30	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
September Deacons: Jacinte McCullough & Tana Harp			
Sep 1	Tue	5:30 pm	Session Meeting
Sep 2	Wed	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Sep 3 – 7	Thu/Mon	All Day	Kris Out of Office
Sep 6	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
Sep 7	Mon	All Day	Happy Labor Day/ Office Closed
Sep 12	Sat	12 – 4 pm	70 th Anniv. Carnival (Weather Permitting)
Sep 13	Sun	9:30 am	Worship w/ Communion
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		11:00 am	Con-Ed meeting
		11:00 am	Deacons Meeting (One Week Late Due to the Holiday)
Sep 16	Wed	6:00 pm	Faith-Life, Outreach & Mission Committee
Sep 17	Thu	10:00 am	Bible Study Resumes
Sep 20	Sun	9:30 am	Worship
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		10:45 am	Sunday School Resumes
Sep 21-27	Mon/Sun	All Day	Jessica gone for Con-Ed
Sep 23	Wed	10:30 am	Newsletter Folding
Sep 27	Sun	9:30 am	Worship w/ Marcia Anderson
		10:30 am	Fellowship
		10:45 am	Sunday School
Sep 29	Tue	5:30 pm	Session
Sep 30-Oct 2	Wed/Fri	All Day	Jessica out for personal reasons

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
Community Volunteer Hours	124	128.75	197.50	127.50	169	158.25	95.5	59



70th Anniversary Carnival

Celebrating 70 Years of Sunrise in the GF

You're Invited!

- **Saturday, September 12, 2026**
- 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- At Sunrise Presbyterian Church
- 3809 6th Ave. S., Great Falls, MT 59405 in parking area and north lawn
- Free Admission — Open to the Public
- **Everyone is invited to attend!**

Volunteers Needed!

- **We need lots of volunteers to make this a great event!**
- Some positions are seated — great for those unable to stand for long periods.
- To sign up, contact the church office:
- 406-453-2031 or email:
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We Need Ice Cream Containers

We need your ice cream buckets! If you have round or square ice cream buckets with lids, please bring them into the church (cleaned). We need several to use at the September carnival. Thank you in advance.