



The Holy Eucharist – Eucharistic Prayer B

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in bold.

This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

The Word of God

THE ENTRANCE RITE

WELCOME

We acknowledge that our worship is taking place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing as able, the Presider says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.

The Presider may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE • THE GLORIA

The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.

All say in unison.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The People are seated for the lessons.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The People remain seated.

THE PSALM

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.

Reader Our response to the first reading is Psalm 23, found in the service leaflet. Please pray it with me.

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹**The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.**

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

³**He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.**

⁶**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

The people sit.

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

The People stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: the Holy Trinity.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church—the Body of Christ.

The People stand, sit, or kneel as they are able.

Intercessor The Prayers of the People today are guided by Form 6, found on page 392 of the Book of Common Prayer and in the service leaflet. Please pray them with me.

In Easter hope and in peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the sustainable, just, and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the right action, peace, and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Marty Stebbins, our Bishop; for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders at Holy Spirit and across the Diocese; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for all who are on our hearts, for our sick, and for those who cannot be with us. Please pray silently for this group, and we invite you to take your leaflet home so you can continue to pray for them during the week.

Silence

Joan Chaussee	Marleigh Flanigan	Dan
Monica Roscoe and Family	Bob Simons	Sullivan
Nancy Callen	Robert and Christine Hadlow	Graham
Kathy Adams	Laura and Cannon	Linda T.
Paula and family	Christina Errebo	Lynne
Michael Ayers and family	Ann Rennie	Paula
Family and friends of the Ruybalid family	Diana Plyley	Sam
Peter and Malcolm Smith	Chris Tweeten	Wanda
Linda Peavey	Janel	Greg
Nancy Guthrie	Moe	Mary
Gary Swartz	Donna Brummett	
Mark Dvarishkis and family	For the Ruybalid family in the midst of a life transition	
The staff and patients of Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City		
Our immigrant and refugee neighbors		
Our neighbors needing shelter beyond what the Poverello and Meadlowlark can offer, and all neighbors who have lost their safe shelter to war zones		

The People may add their own petitions

We also pray to share your hope with those who are sick, in prison, oppressed, addicted, suicidal, fearful, or without enough food, shelter, or sense of community.

And in silence or aloud, we pray for the other people or oppressions we lift to you now.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We raise our alleluias, and we thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Lord of all, we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for those lost to violence, disease, or destruction, and for any others you may wish to remember, silently or aloud.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Presider stands and says

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand as able.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

All are invited to make a gift to support Holy Spirit's ministry of sharing God's love with our community and the world by texting HOLYSPIRITGIVE to (833) 714-3270 or by visiting <http://holyspiritmissoula.org/give/>. You may also put your gift in the offering plate or by scanning the QR code below to give to the General Fund:



The altar is prepared for Holy Communion

DOXOLOGY

All say in unison as the Offering is received and blessed

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning “Lift up your hearts.”

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People stand or kneel.

We recall God’s acts of salvation history. The presider says the “Words of Institution” that Jesus said at the Last Supper. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of

sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only “Amen” in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation’s response.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available, and you may drink from the common cup or dip your wafer in the intinction cup. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

PRAYER FOR SENDING FORTH EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

When this prayer is needed, the Celebrant and People say

In the name of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Let us go forth with the love of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving, by the people of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church.



Participants in the Service

<i>Presider, Preacher and Celebrant</i>	<i>The Rev. Terri Ann Grotzinger</i>
<i>Lector/Lay Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Jody Thomasson</i>
<i>Usher</i>	<i>Anne Geiger</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Jody Thomasson</i>

WE WELCOME THOSE NEW TO OUR WORSHIP!

Newcomers and guests are always welcome at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church. Our service today uses the service leaflet, and a service leaflet is also available online. The QR code to access the bulletin page of the website is available in the pews. Just scan it with the camera on your phone. We hope you will take a moment to complete the blue Visitor's Card found in the pew and place it in the offertory plate as it passes.

ALMS SUNDAY – TODAY WE SUPPORT THE NATIONAL TPS ALLIANCE

Today's Alms Sunday offering supports the **National TPS Alliance**, an organization led by immigrants with Temporary Protected Status (TPS). By September, more than 1.5 million longtime residents may lose their legal ability to live and work in the U.S. through changes to the TPS program. Most TPS holders have been here for over 20 years, raising families and building lives that are anything but temporary.

Today we will hear directly from TPS holders about their experiences and their efforts to protect their families and communities. We are invited to stand with them by supporting the work of the National TPS Alliance.

A **special offering** will be taken during worship, or you may give through Pushpay or online at **holyspiritmissoula.org**.

– Jesse Jaeger, Social Concerns Committee

MAY 31 – SAVE THE DATE!

Plan to be part of our gala farewell to Rev. Terri and Rev. Gretchen after the 10:15 service on Sunday, May 31. Come with stories to share and enjoy music and memories about our two co-rectors. Terri heads toward actual and true retirement and Gretchen shifts to focus on her life as rector of St. Paul's in Hamilton. We'll send them with our love and thanks. Don't miss this special day.

You're also invited to be part of an Episcopal tradition – the making of a “purse” for clergy who are bringing years of parish service to a close. If you are able, please consider making a contribution to this special thank you gift. You can put a check in the offertory plate marked “purse” in the memo line, send it to the office, or use Pushpay. Many thanks for considering this request.

SPRING MARKET 2026 IS JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY!

Surely you're already working on the donations you're planning to deliver to Holy Spirit on **Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, May 3, 4, and 5**. We also hope that you are planning to donate a bit of your time to help during **Market Week, May 4–9**. Newcomers – this is a fun and perfect way to see how the magic of Holy Spirit works in our community. And, old-timers, we so need you, too! The skill sets needed to make our Market work include everyone who attends Holy Spirit.

If you are unable to deliver your donations to the church, **Bev and Frank Sherman will come to your rescue!** Just give Bev a call at **(406) 544-0880** or email her at **beverleymt@bresnan.net** and help will be on its way.

What to Donate: your **best, clean, unbroken, and resalable** items: Women's and Men's Vintage and Boutique Clothing; Accessories and Jewelry; Home Décor; Glassware & Kitchen; Linens; Books (no manuals, encyclopedias, or tapes); Sport and Camping Equipment; Luggage; Pet Accessories; Gardening & Outdoor; Tools; Healthy Plants; and Small Furniture.

SPRING MARKET SIGN UP SUNDAY

Be sure to stop by the Spring Market Information Table in the Parish Hall after church today. See all the options to help out during Market Week and sign up where you can. From providing lunch goodies, to sorting donations, to helping out customers during sale days, to tidying up afterwards – we have a place for you! And, we can help with any questions you have about this event. Spring Market is one of our most social volunteering events – the perfect way to enjoy your Holy Spirit pew mates as together we prepare and offer our donations to the entire Missoula community.

ORGAN AND INSTRUMENTS RECITAL ON MAY 3

The Missoula Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is hosting a free recital of music for organ and instruments at **3 pm on Sunday, May 3**, here at Holy Spirit. Community and student members will play music for trombone and organ, flute and organ, saxophone and organ, strings and organ, as well as other surprises! Our John Ellis Intern **Matthew Aguon** will be playing, as will **Nancy Cooper** and other community organists. The recital will be an hour long, and all are welcome! We hope to see you there.

TOUR OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN GARDENS — MAY 5

Please join Holy Spirit's Creation Care Ministry for a guided tour of Missoula's **Rocky Mountain Gardens at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5**. The gardens are located next to the Insectarium and Butterfly House at the Fairgrounds. Please park in the main lot on the east side of the building and gather at the main entrance.

Alexandra Brown, Program Development Director, will lead the tour. Many native plants will be in bloom, making this a wonderful opportunity to experience the gardens with an expert guide.

The tour is limited to **15 participants**, so reservations are required. Please sign up through the church office (office@holyspiritmissoula.org or (406) 542-2167) — space is limited.

WORKING FOR CREATION

May 6 • 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. • In the Church

Come hear **Terri Grotzinger** on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. as she reflects on her career with the U.S. Forest Service. Terri will share stories from the field and explore how her work has shaped her understanding of Creation care, resilience, and the beauty of our shared landscapes.

Please note: **We will meet in the church** for this session, as the Parish Hall will be in use for Spring Market setup.

OTHER UPCOMING CREATION CARE ACTIVITIES

May 23 – Outing to the Ninepipe U.S. Fish & Wildlife Area

8:00 a.m. departure from the church parking lot to look for spring migratory birds

(with optional side trips to the Ninepipes Museum of Early Montana or the CSKT Bison Range)

June 20 – Trip to Lolo Pass to see the Camas bloom

9:00 a.m. departure from the church parking lot

(timing dependent on bloom conditions)

JOIN OUR WOMEN’S GROUP: LIVING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

Looking for a welcoming space to grow in your faith alongside other women? Join our **Practicalities of Faith** group, where meaningful conversation and genuine community await you. All women are invited—bring a friend and experience support and inspiration together.

The group, led by Julie Benson, will meet on the following dates in the Guild Room from 1-2:30 p.m.:

May 12

June 8, 15 & 29

Please come as you are available! Registration is not required.

APRIL FOOD BANK DONATION: FLAVORS THAT NOURISH

This month, we’re focusing on ingredients that help families create hearty, flavorful meals. Please consider donating any of the following **shelf-stable, high-protein, and versatile** items:

Pantry Staples: Rice, Dried or canned beans, Lentils, Tortillas, Taco or enchilada kits, Canned tomatoes, corn, green chiles, jalapeños, olives, Salsas and hot sauce, Tomatillos, Lime juice, Bouillon cubes (any variety), Spices

Proteins: Canned chicken, Canned tuna, Canned salmon, Peanut butter or other nut butters, Shelf-stable tofu

Nuts & Seeds: Pumpkin seeds (pepitas), Sunflower seeds, Mixed nuts

A Note of Care: Low-sodium canned items are especially appreciated when available. **Gluten-free options** are also appreciated.

Thank you for helping us support the Missoula Food Bank with generosity and heart. Every item you share makes a real difference.

PHENOLOGY BOARD IN THE PARISH HALL

The Creation Care Ministry is introducing a **Phenology Board** in the Parish Hall to help us notice the seasonal rhythms of the natural world. Each month, you’re invited to record what you observe—first flowers, returning birds, ripening tomatoes, or any small sign of the season.

This simple practice helps us deepen our awareness of creation and our connection with the Creator. Stop by the board and add your observations as the seasons unfold.

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