



First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Norman Fowler September 17th, 2023 10:30 a.m.

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

☩ Call to Worship

L: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

P: The oppressor he has thrown into the sea.

L: The LORD is my strength and my might,

P: And he has become my salvation;

L: The LORD is a warrior;

P: The LORD is his name.

L: Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?

P: Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

All: Praise the Lord!

☩ Opening Songs "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Insert

"Be Still for the Presence"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Lord, we know you urge us to do what is right in your sight and to pay attention to your voice in our lives. And we hear the questions, why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Why do you despise any of God's children? We do struggle with this Lord. We want to hold others accountable to our way of seeing things. We want to condemn those we disagree with. And so, we need your forgiveness, just as you invite us to forgive others. We know we are accountable to you, Lord, and we need your grace. Indeed, help us receive your forgiveness and recognize how important it is for us then to show this same forgiveness to others. Let us not make a mockery of your mercy but teach us to be merciful as well. Help us understand, embrace, and engage in the unending process of giving and receiving mercy, of forgiving and receiving forgiveness, for knowing grace and showing grace.

(silent confession and personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness

"We Are Forgiven"

Hymnal #447

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Place your written prayer requests in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

*For other concerns, contact the church office office@fpcmoscow.org, or
Pastor Norman fpcpastornorman@gmail.com*

Following each prayer request, please respond:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE

First Lesson

Exodus 14:19-31

Epistle Lesson Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “How Often Should I Forgive?” Pastor Norman Fowler

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

✦ Sermon Response “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive” Hymnal #444

Offering

*Please place your offering in the plate, mail your offerings to the church office,
405 South Van Buren St., Moscow ID 83843 or give online at this link:*

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246>

✦ Song of Gratitude (Doxology) Hymnal #606

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

Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551 (OLD HUNDRETH)

✦ Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ Closing Hymn “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” Hymnal #753

✦ Charge and Blessing

✦ Postlude

Please join us in the Chapel Room for refreshments after the service.

✦- Stand as you are able.

Worship Leader – Celeste Brown
Greeters / Ushers – Mark and Ann Ulliman
Music – Kathy Pendegraft
Accompanist – Ian Wendt
Video – Adelia Hopper
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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