



# First Presbyterian Church

*Norman Fowler, Pastor    May 2, 2021    10:30 a.m.*

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## **PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Please feel free to leave a message in the chat section as a way of greeting one another this morning.*

## **ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

Call to Worship

Psalm 22:25-31

Opening Song    "Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me"

Lord, why have you forsaken me,  
and why are you so far away  
from my complaint and my distress  
poured out before you night and day?

Yet you, O Lord, have been my God  
and only hope since I was born.  
With trouble near me, none can help.  
My Savior, leave me not forlorn.

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Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

Lord, the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, and all the families of the nations shall worship you. We, too, come to worship you from our end of the earth. We marvel at your love for us. We give thanks for how you expressed your love in Christ. You invite us to grow in Christ; however, our growth does not always follow his lead. We need to be pruned, cleansed of the unproductive and draining branches in our lives. We need your forgiveness. Help us know and trust your love, that our fear is cast out. Reshape us and enable us to give our energy to loving one another. Let us abide in love and allow that love to shape our relationships. Let us glorify you, God, in that we bear much fruit and truly become Christ's disciples.

*(silent confession and personal reflection)*

## Assurance of Pardon

### Response to Forgiveness      "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

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## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

*If you have prayer requests, please contact the church office  
[office@fpcmoscow.org](mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org), or Pastor Norman [fpcpastornorman@gmail.com](mailto:fpcpastornorman@gmail.com)*

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE**

### First Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Gospel Lesson

John 15:1-8

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Culture and Christ”

Pastor Norman Fowler

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Silent Reflection

Offering

*Please 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)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

**GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE**

Communion Hymn “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Let us talents and tongues employ, Reaching out with a shout of joy:  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out, Bearing fruit in a world of doubt.  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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# Celebration of The Lord's Supper

## **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

### Closing Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

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### Charge and Blessing

### Postlude

*Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.*

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Worship Leader – Kathy Pitman  
Music Minister – Thomas Pearson  
Accompanist – Abigail Silverberg  
Video – Arturo Bieghler  
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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