



# First Presbyterian Church

*Pastor Norman Fowler      May 5, 2024    10:30 a.m.*

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## **PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

✦ Call to Worship

L: O sing to the LORD a new song,

**P: for he has done marvelous things.**

L: His right hand and his holy arm

**P: Bring forth freedom.**

L: The Lord has made known his salvation.

**P: Our God reveals his way of setting things right to all the nations.**

L: Our Lord remembers his mercy and faithfulness

**P: in his care for all his children.**

L: All the ends of the earth have seen

**P: how God delivers his children.**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth;

**P: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

✦ Opening Song

“Sing a New Song Unto the Lord”

Hymnal #276

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

**Lord, again we hear the call to love. We hear of it in our world, but mostly as lip service to something that seems right but that we will never really do. We hear the readings today call us again to know your love and to love one another. We hear your instructions. But for us, hearing and incorporating what we have heard are different things. We struggle to change our way of viewing,**

assessing, and living in the world. We can easily like what is said, but to incorporate something into our lives is harder. Forgive us. Indeed, in our recognition of our struggle and acknowledging our need, open our hearts again to your Spirit. Pour out your Spirit once more on us. May we hear the Spirit's testimony and experience the Spirit as truth, as the one who connects us to what is really important, as the one who brings us into your abiding presence. Knowing your love, Lord, may your joy be in us that our joy may be complete.

*(silent confession and personal reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness      "Raise a Song of Gladness"      Hymnal #155

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](mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org), or  
Pastor Norman [fpcpastornorman@gmail.com](mailto: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                      Acts 10:44-48

Second Lesson                      1 John 5:1-6  
Gospel                                  John 15:9-17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                                  "Discovering Joy"                      Pastor Norman Fowler

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Silent Reflection

‡ Sermon Response            Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the dread cross, my Lord spoke, And by his death he delivered folk.  
Rose to change us, what a grace divine.  
Our Lord tells us, share this love of mine.

Down in the valley, when I feel weak It's when the devil usually speaks.  
Because he's crafty, and full of lies I need the Spirit to keep me wise.

No greater love than Jesus' love so free Might we show forth for all to see.  
Abiding in the Father's love we know We friends become and joy bestow.

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 Hundredth, LM.

‡ Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

**GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE**

‡ Communion Hymn

“I Come with Joy”

Hymnal #515

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

*Those who are able are invited to come forward in two lines down the center aisle to receive communion. After you partake of the bread and juice, you may place your empty cups on the tray near the wall as you return to your seat by the side aisle. Those who are not able to come forward will be served in their seats. Gluten-free bread is available in the small bowl on the communion table.*

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

‡ Closing Hymn

“As the Wind Song”

Hymnal #292

✦ Charge and Blessing

✦ Postlude

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

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✦- Stand as you are able.

Worship Leader – Jon Van Gerpen  
Greeters – Mary and Jim Robinson  
Ushers – Karen Huntington  
Music Minister – Rev. Sylvester Bullock  
Accompanist – Ian Wendt  
Video – Adelia Hopper  
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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