



First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Norman Fowler

May 19th, 2024 10:30 a.m.

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Arranged by Marilyn Ham

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

✦ Call to Worship

L: O Lord, how expansive is your creation!

P: In wisdom our Lord has filled the earth with a wonderful diversity of creatures;

L: When God sends forth God's spirit, they are created;

P: And the Spirit of God renews the face of the ground.

L: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

P: May the Lord rejoice in his works.

L: Let us sing to the Lord as long as we live;

P: Let us continually sing praises to our God.

L: May our meditations be pleasing to him,

P: And let us rejoice in the Lord.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

✦ Opening Song

"Rest on Us"

Insert

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Lord, as we go through our own transitions, we too wonder about the future. We don't always have the clarity you do. We have our own worries and concerns. We are accustomed to the way things are and the relationships we know. Help us both with our understanding and our feelings. Help us turn to you and receive your Spirit. Forgive the ways we deny your presence and your help, and do not open our hearts to your Spirit at work among us. Help us recognize the work of the Spirit as it exposes the misguided ways of the world. Help us stay off the

paths that limit our ability to see the way forward, that limit good, healthy relationships, and that limit our good judgment. We pray the Spirit intercedes for us and engages us with the truth. May your truth be reflected in our lives. Indeed, may we live with a sincerity of mind and an integrity of character that enables us to know the hope you set before us. May your Spirit indeed comfort, guide and engage us, Lord.

(silent confession and personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness

“Come Holy Spirit”

Insert

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

Acts 2:1-21

Second Lesson

Romans 8:22-27

Special Music

My Tribute
By Andrae Crouch

Chancel Choir

Gospel

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Help Is Given”

Pastor Norman Fowler

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

✠Sermon Response

“Spirit of the Living God”

Insert

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, Offerings and Pentecost Special Offering

Retirement and Sending Litany

L: For over 18 years, Norman has served as our pastor. He has offered his gifts, proclaimed God's Word, assured us of God's forgiveness, comforted us in times of sickness and grief, shared in our joys and sorrows, and encouraged us to seek God's will and way for our lives and to love others as God loves us.

P: Thanks be to God for Pastor Norman's good and faithful service.

L: Both Norman and Helen have been important to our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ and in our service to our community. They have worked alongside us as servants in God's kingdom, leading by example, with grace and humility.

P: For our time of ministry together, we give thanks to God.

Pastor: While I will be moving on, you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, will continue to share life and ministry in this community. May Christ be your foundation, the Spirit build you up, and the Father's love embrace you.

P: While we continue as the church of Jesus Christ in this place, you, Norman, will retire to a new place where you will continue to receive and share God's gift of grace. May God go with you.

L: Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for Pastor Norman and Helen, and for our life together in this congregation and community. As they have been a blessing to us, so now bless them as they begin their retirement. Grant them peace and contentment, leisure and good health, and a richness of life that comes from knowing you as Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter. This we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ Closing Hymn

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Hymnal #291

✦ Charge and Blessing

✦ Postlude

"On Eagle's Wings"
Arranged by Marilyn Ham

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

✦- Stand as you are able.

Worship Leader – Celeste Brown
Greeters –Karen Huntington and Suzie Trail
Ushers – Amy Pendegraft
Music Minister – Rev. Sylvester Bullock
Accompanist – Ian Wendt
Video – Rowan Hopper
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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