

February 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany Liturgical Color Green

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Ian Wendt, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship

(Call to Worship - 58.1- Year C)

One: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, All: whose confidence is in God. One: They will be like a tree planted by the water, All: sending out roots by the stream. One: This tree does not fear when heat comes; All: its leaves are green, its fruit endures. One: So come, let us place our trust in God! All: Let us live in blessed faith together!

<u>Opening Hymns</u>
"Your Love O Lord"
"Goodness of God"

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

By Teri McDowell Ott

Sustaining God, you lead us through parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. We ignore your rich

provisions, choosing the world's latest fad and shallow self-help. We sentimentalize the spiritual and ignore the deeper needs of our souls.

Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide. Amen.

(silent confession and personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness "Think About His Love" Insert p. 1

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 <u>office@fpcmoscow.org</u>

Following each prayer request, please respond:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 45:3-11, 15

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Special Music

"This is the Day"

Praise Team

This is the day that the Lord has made, We will rejoice as we lift His name. This is the day that the Lord has made, Come and rejoice we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Whether the sun will shine, whether the skies will rain, I know that You are good and this is the day You made.

Whether in life or death, whether in joy or pain, I know this truth remains that this is the day You made. Now I can walk in faith, You will protect my way, Your every work is good and this is the day You made.

I am a child of Yours, You are the One who saves, I am redeemed by love and this is the day You made.

This is the day, Come and sing Your praise, For the Lord now reigns on the throne of grace. Soon is the day, He will bring us home, And we have this hope for we are His own.

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<u>Gospel</u>

Luke 6:27-38

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

<u>Sermon</u>

"Family Reunion"

Pastor Sly

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

♦<u>Affirmation of Faith</u>

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Song of Gratitude (Doxology)

Hymnal #607

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

Text: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551 (old hundredth)

Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Song of Invitation

"By Our Love"

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Charge and Blessing

<u>Postlude</u>

A Stephen Minister will be at the front of the sanctuary following the postlude to talk with or pray for anyone who has a concern. Please join us in the Chapel Room for refreshments after the service.

+- Stand as you are able.

Worship Leader – Jim Robinson Greeters – Mary Jo and Jon Van Gerpen Usher – Suzie Trail Music Minister – Rev. Sylvester Bullock Accompanist – Ian Wendt Video – Adelia Hopper Sound – Matthew Mikami



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