



First Presbyterian Church

Moscow, Idaho

Revs. Sylvester & Beverly Bullock, Interim Co-pastors

March 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color Purple

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Ian Wendt, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

✦ Passing the Peace

✦ Call to Worship

Psalm 27:1

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: Whom shall I fear?

One: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

All: Of whom shall I be afraid?

One: Come, seek God in this time of worship.

All: Let us seek God indeed!

✦ Opening Songs

"Beautiful Things"

Insert

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

Hymnal #59

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning'

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, Great is your faithfulness.

Text and Music: Edith McNeill, 1974 Copyright 1974, 1975 Celebration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

By Teri McDowell

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

(silent confession and personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

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

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 15:1-18

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Special Music

"Christ Is Lower Still"

Praise Team

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

"Don't Get It Twisted"

Rev. Bev

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

✠ Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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 #605

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

Text: Anon. Music: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak. Music arr. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

✠ Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ Song of Invitation

"Holy Forever"

Insert

✠ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

*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 – Celeste Brown
Greeters – Corinne and Pat Carey
Usher – Tom Richards
Music Minister – Rev. Sylvester Bullock
Accompanist – Ian Wendt
Video – Adelia Hopper
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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