



First Presbyterian Church

Moscow, Idaho

Revs. Sylvester & Beverly Bullock, Interim Co-pastors

May 18, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color White

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude

Ian Wendt, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

✦ Passing the Peace

✦ Call to Worship (based on Psalm 148)

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

All: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

✦ Opening Songs of Praise "For the Beauty of the Earth" vv. 1-4
"Goodness of God"

Hymnal #14
Insert

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, you call us to your merciful, gracious love, freely given without expectation or strings attached, like the unconditional love of a bridegroom. While we are eager to experience your mercy and grace in our own lives, we are quick to make our extension of your mercy and grace conditional for others, holding court in our own hearts. We would rather show mercy to those we judge worthy, forgetting the new commandment to love as you have loved us. We would rather extend grace to those

who will show us grace in return, missing the trustworthy and true nature of your boundless forgiveness. Forgive us, Redeeming God. And transform our hearts with your amazing grace and unconditional love so that our relationships and your world are transformed.

(silent confession and personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness

“Spirit of the Living God”

Hymnal #288

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

Psalm 148

New Testament Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

New Testament Epistle Lesson Revelation 21:1-6

Special Music

“Take it Easy”

Praise Team

Take it easy, easy, God already loves you completely,

Take it easy, easy. Rest in the shade of His wings.

Lay down your burdens and rest for a while, The Shepherd who seeks you is gentle and kind,

There’s nothing to pay for and nothing to earn, And nothing you have to become.

Lay down the scales where you weigh out your life,

The measures are empty just leave them behind,

The distance between His two hands are enough, To tell you the depths of His love.

Lay down the armor you brought to the fight, Lay down your weapons and lay down your strife,

God’s on your side and He won’t let you go,

He already loves who you are, Won’t ask you to be something more.

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Gospel

John 13:31-35

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

“Go to the Source”

Rev. Bev

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

✦ Affirmation of Faith (from Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

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 #600

Amen. Amen.
Amen, amen, amen.

Traditional African American

✦ Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ Song of Invitation

“By Our Love”

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.

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✠- Stand as you are able.

Worship Leader – Randy Baukol
Greeters – Linda Fleener and Kathy Warren
Music Minister – Rev. Sylvester Bullock
Accompanist – Ian Wendt
Video – Adelia Hopper
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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