



First Presbyterian Church

Moscow, Idaho

Rev. Tricia Tedrow, Pastor August 23, 2026 10:30

13th Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome and Announcements

✦ Passing the Peace

Prelude “Meditation on ‘O Waly Waly’” arr. Joseph M. Martin Ian Wendt

ENTERING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

✦ Call to Worship

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who made heaven and earth.

One: Our joy comes from the heart of God,

All: who transforms us into open-handed givers of hope.

One: Our grace comes from God’s compassion,

All: who breaks the bonds which tie us to sin and death.

One: Blessed be the Lord our God!

All: Who reveals to us the One who brings us new life!

✦ Opening Hymn

“God of Our Life”

Hymnal #686

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the displaced. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the back door. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place.

In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks.

(silent confession and personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

It is not money, but our generosity with it; it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves; it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift, which transforms us into God's children. **It is more than just how we think. In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits are transfigured and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Response to Forgiveness

"We Are Forgiven"

Hymnal #447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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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

Psalms Lesson

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Special Music

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Chancel Choir

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.
Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.
Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits:
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his Holy Name.
He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness.
He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He His wrath,
His wrath for ever, His wrath for ever.
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me bless His holy Name.
O blessed art Thou, O Lord.
by Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Call the Midwife!"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

✠Affirmation of Faith

by Tony Peterson

We believe we are children of God

Truly born

Legitimately born

Not slaves, but family

Born of the Spirit

God-children

Love-children

We believe we are heirs of God

Joint heirs with Christ

Because of Jesus

Inheritors of the kingdom

Destined for greatness in this life

And the life to come

Saved for a purpose

Gifted to give

We believe we are born of the Spirit

Born from above

Born of water

Born of the Spirit

Born to die to evil

Born to sow the Spirit

Born to do the deeds of the Spirit

We believe that we are children of God

Affirmation by Tony Peterson in "The Africana Worship Book for Year B", 2007.

Affirmation Hymn

"Glory Be to the Father"

Hymnal #581

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 #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

✦ Closing Hymn

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

Hymnal #684

✦ Charge and Blessing

Postlude

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

arr. Ian Wendt

*Stephen Ministers will be in 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.

Liturgy by Tom Shuman, 2013

✦- Stand as you are able.

Worship Leader – Kathy Pitman
Greeters – Suzie Trail and Mark Ulliman
Usher – Linda Fleener
Music Director – Kyle Coleman
Accompanist – Ian Wendt
Video – Adelia Hopper
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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