



# First Presbyterian Church

*Norman Fowler, Pastor    April 11, 2021    10:30 a.m.*

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## **PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

“Sarabande”

Claude Debussy

Welcome and Announcements

*Please feel free to leave a message in the chat section as a way of greeting one another this morning.*

## **ENTERING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE**

Call to Worship

Psalm 133:1-3 (GNT)

Opening Song

“How Very Good and Pleasant”

How very good and pleasant when we live in unity.  
It is like precious oil, like fresh morning dew.  
We gather here together with our hearts and voices raised  
To God, who’s the center of our unity and praise!

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, how wonderful it is, how pleasant, for your people to live together in harmony! You invite us to live in fellowship with one another. We too easily become fearful and assuage our fears with locked doors. We separate ourselves from those we fear and create a brokenness amongst your children. We look for ways that are not your ways to deal with each other. Let us not deceive ourselves; we sin. The truth is not in us. We confess our sin and need you, Lord. We need your word of life. We need you, the faithful and just one, to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all

unrighteousness. We need to hear your voice directing peace to be with us. We hope in your resurrection, which shows us how you cleanse us of sin and remove the guilt that would hem us in. May we accept your grace and welcome your advocacy. May we live in the light so that, trusting in you, we become your people living together in harmony.

*(silent confession and personal reflection)*

### Assurance of Pardon

### Response to Forgiveness      “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee.  
Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

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### Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

*If you have prayer requests, please contact the church office  
[office@fpcmoscow.org](mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org), or Pastor Norman [fpcpastornorman@gmail.com](mailto:fpcpastornorman@gmail.com)*

## **HEARING GOD’S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE**

New Testament Lessons      Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

Gospel      John 20:19-31

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon      “Living Together”      Pastor Norman Fowler

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Silent Reflection

## Offering

Please mail your offerings to the church office, 405 South Van Buren St., Moscow ID 83843 or give online at this link: <https://tithely.com/give?c=982246>

## Song of Gratitude (Doxology)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

### **GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE**

#### Communion Hymn      “When the Poor Ones”

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,  
when they thirsty water give unto us all,  
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,  
when our lips can speak no words other than true,  
when we know that love for simple things is better,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,  
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,  
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us,  
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

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## Celebration of The Lord's Supper

### **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

#### Closing Hymn      “All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All who for love of God forgive,  
All who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
So, even in the midst of tears  
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
And worship God with humble heart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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#### Charge and Blessing

#### Postlude                      “Toccatà in E Minor”                      Johann Pachelbel

*Thank you for joining us in worship this morning.*

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Worship Leader – Susan Billin  
Music Minister – Thomas Pearson  
Accompanist – Abigail Silverberg  
Video – Arturo Bieghler  
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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