

Always loving, always true, always merciful and good, so good.

Yesterday, today, and forever, You are the same, You never change.
Yesterday, today, and forever, You are faithful, and we will trust in You.

Uncreated One, You have no end and no beginning.
Earthly powers fade, but there is no end to Your kingdom.
Always loving, always true, always merciful and good, so good.

Yesterday, today, and forever, You are the same, You never change.
Yesterday, today, and forever, You are faithful, and we will trust in You.
We will trust in You. We will trust in You. We will trust in You, in You.

Yahweh, God unchanging; Yahweh, firm foundation.
Yesterday, today, and forever, You are the same, You never change.
Yesterday, today, and forever, You are faithful, and we will trust in You.
We will trust in You. We will trust in You, faithful God.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We come to you, Lord, in our exhaustion with the pandemic, our worries about divisiveness and threats of violence, and our concern for the aftermath of disasters like hurricanes and fires. We resonate with the Psalmist's words, 'Have compassion on your servants!' Yet, we realize, Lord, if we want your favor upon us, we might also attend to your word. We have not listened often enough to your direction. We question whether you know best what our lives need and how best we might live. Forgive us. Enable us to hear Jesus summarize the law and the prophets, that we might truly show our love of you and our neighbor. May we be fully engaged with you and express the love for neighbor that conforms to your will. Through this way of Christ, guide us, Lord, to embrace the struggles of our neighbors in this pandemic. May we work for peace instead of division, cooperation rather than enmity, and love replacing hatred. Guide us to offer the care needed in these tragic disasters, and look to how we can deal with the root causes of such

disasters. Through your grace, may we hear and follow your Son, that we may do your will.

(silent confession and personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray:
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.

Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

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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, or Pastor Norman fpcpastornorman@gmail.com*

Special Music

“There Is A Redeemer”
Abigail Silverberg

arr. Melody Green

HEARING GOD’S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE

Scripture Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

One:

This is the Word of the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

Sermon Response “What Is the World Like”

What is the world like when God’s will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

What is the world like when God’s will is done?
No more is neighbor just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God’s will is done.

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Song of Gratitude (Doxology)

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

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