

# First Presbyterian Church of Marysville

## “Fill My Future with Vision”

**Worship @ Home**  
**February 16, 2025**  
(6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Light a candle to remind you of Christ's light.

Take three deep and centering breaths.

*Breathe in “Loving God”*

*Breathe out “Prepare my heart”*

OR

Sing “Surely the Presence of the Lord”

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place*

*I can feel his mighty power and his grace*

*I can hear the brush of angels' wings*

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### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: We rejoice and praise your holy name today, O Lord,

**All: Because you have kept us from a destructive path.**

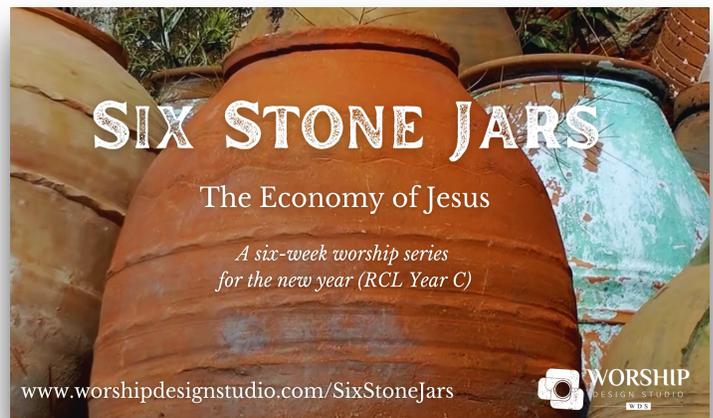
One: We give you thanks because your word gives us hope,

**All: And we reflect on your word at all times.**

One: You are the source of deep seated faith,

**All: And our spirits are refreshed in your presence.**

Pastor: Being “blessed” is something we too often associate with good luck or privilege or prestige. But in the economy of Jesus, blessedness is quite the opposite. It relies only on active participation in a kingdom of God in which all are blessed and lifted up to a level playing field, especially those whose identity is demeaned by the powers-that-be. Jesus proclaims a vision of the future in which the jars of plenty never run dry and those who need to dip from plenty the most go to the front of the line.



**All:** God of Surprising Paradoxes, we come to you today, lifting to you our feelings of powerlessness against empire and the rage we feel when bad things happen to good people. In the midst of our confounded search for answers, remind us of your justice that restores dignity of those who have been laid low and promises an inheritance of goodness and grace for all people. Amen.

**HYMN:** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" #155 Blue (*words are attached*)

## **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

One: Let us confess the ways we have turned from the One who know us and saves us.

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sustaining God, you lead us through parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world's latest fad and shallow self-help. Forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide. (Silent Prayer)

## **CLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS**

One: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

**All: We are forgiven and at peace in Christ. Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN:** "Be Thou My Vision" #339 Blue (*words are attached*)

## **SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 6:17-26

## **MESSAGE: "The Blessedness of God"**

**Rev. Grace Suwabe**

In these verses, Jesus flips the script of scarcity and offers a vision of the future in which all are filled. Jesus is "on the level" with us, telling us the truth of our lives as He sees us and confronting us with our responsibility to be a part of God's kingdom with our response to what we see in the world. (Please contemplate on these words and spend some time with God in prayer.)

## **GATHERING AND DEDICATING OUR OFFERING**

One: God has led us to blessedness.

**All: Let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given.**

*Consider what gifts you could offer to God and to God's people during this uncertain time. Speak them out loud or write them down and after worship, make a plan to share these gifts.*

*Some examples include – pray for those on our prayer list, encourage someone with a note or phone call, perform a random act of kindness*

\*Please continue to support the church by mailing your offering (checks only) to the church office:

*First Presbyterian Church of Marysville – 1900 Ahern St, Suite B, Marysville, CA 95901*

You may also off your offering at the church office on Thursdays from 10 am – 4 pm or Fridays from 11 am – 2 pm. (Please do not put anything in the outside mailboxes.)

Online giving is also available! Copy and paste the below link into your browser and follow the prompts:

[https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbZpZISnR1aL6Jy6aLfKsLAIYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFffwKfYERpQrqXrEYxb09pApAL3pdNN38=&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BDvsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KG0nFx2NSo8LdUKGuGuF396vbZpZISnR1aL6Jy6aLfKsLAIYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFffwKfYERpQrqXrEYxb09pApAL3pdNN38=&ver=3)

*Thank you for your continued support of the church!*

## **THE DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heaven-ly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, A-men.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Offer prayer for the needs of the world, paying particular attention to those who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. May God's provision, protection and presence be with them.*

*Let us join together in prayer for the following people:*

Aurel, Betty, Lorraine, Marilyn, Peggy, Joe, Judy, Jackie, Pearl, Shari, Adam, Carrie, Christina, Gracia, Herm Huang, Jackie, Joanne, Joyce, Kenneth, Luann, Mindy, Raelynn, Timothy, Vicki, Wayne, the family of Kay who passed away, the family of Al Washington who passed away

*If you are in need of prayer or assistance, please let Pastor Grace know at [fpcmsvlpastor@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmsvlpastor@gmail.com).*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**HYMN:** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #372 Blue (*words are attached*)

## **CHARGE**

**One:** The jars are full in the Kingdom of God. A future with Christ is full of the vision we need and the vision we are called to proclaim.

**All:** **We go in into the world to proclaim the good news of God's blessedness.**

## **BENEDICTION – 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God the Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. Amen.

*(Extinguish the candle if you lit one at the beginning of worship and allow the smoke to billow as a reminder of Christ's abiding presence.)*

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*Hours during week of Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>*

Thursdays 10 am – 4 pm

Fridays 11 am – 2 pm

Website: [www.firstpresmarysville.church](http://www.firstpresmarysville.church)

### **Announcements:**

Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 3 pm. We are studying Season 2 of *The Chosen*.

Per capita for 2025 is \$32.50.

Celebration of Life for Al Washington – Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am (in sanctuary)

We are collecting hats, scarves, mittens, and socks for children and the homeless. We are also collecting new underwear for children ages 5 – 12 years.

The food pantry (1905-C Covillaud St.) is open on Fridays from 10 am – 12 noon. Help is welcomed.

\*Items needed – *broth, canned fruit, soup*