

First Presbyterian Church of Marysville

Worship @ Home
September 20, 2026
(17th Sunday after Pentecost)

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

I see glory on each face

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to God, who is good.

All: Whose faithful love lasts forever!

One: When we are hungry and thirsty, lost in the wilderness,

All: God satisfies our thirst and fills the hungry with good things.

One: God turns deserts into pools of water, and thirsty ground into springs.

All: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, you are our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer, our shield and horn of our salvation. Thank you for being our strength and refuge in times of trouble. We put our trust in you and in your unfailing love and protection, knowing that you will never leave us nor forsake us. May your name be praised forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #281 Blue (*words are attached*)



CALL TO RECONCILIATION

One: Let us set down our burdens and our defenses as we confess our sins in front of God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, when we allow anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. You extend these gifts to us, so we ought to extend these gifts to others. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one molded after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us see the world in new ways. (Silent Prayer)

CLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone; a new life has begun.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and at peace. Thanks be to God!**

HYMN: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" #446 Blue (*words are attached*)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 18:1-19

MESSAGE: "Solid Rock"

Rev. Grace Suwabe

We begin our series exploring the steadfast nature of God with the phrase, "God is good...all the time...all the time...God is good!" Indeed, life is not always good, people are not always good, hard times do come and go. But God IS always good and gives us courage, determination and strength to face what comes our way. (Please contemplate on these words and spend some time with God in prayer.)

GATHERING AND DEDICATING OUR OFFERING

One: By the grace of God, we are saved – today and every day.

All: **Let us embrace this gift and respond with generosity.**

Consider what gifts you could offer to God and to God's people. 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, perform a random act of kindness, send a note or card of encouragement

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

You may also drop off your offering at the church office on Thursdays from 10 am – 4 pm or Fridays from 11 am – 2 pm or use the wall mail slot next to Suite B door. (Please do not put anything in the outside mailboxes.)

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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 loneliness and loss.
May God's comforting arms surround them with God's love and presence.*

Let us join together in prayer for the following people:

*Aurel, Betty, Dorothy, Joe, Judy, Jackie, Lorraine, Pearl, Peggy, Nancy, Nancy, Karen, Adam, Charlene,
Christina, Cody, Edward, Emma, Huang, Jackie, Joanne, Joanne, Joyce, Keith, Kenneth, Keri, Luann, Marie,
Nathan, Raelynn, Shirley, Timothy, the family of Gage who passed away*

If you are in need of prayer or assistance, please let Pastor Grace know at 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: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #379 Blue (*words are attached*)

CHARGE

One: Go forth in the strength of the Lord, with Him as your solid rock.

All: We go from this place, knowing that God's presence and power goes with us.

BENEDICTION – Ephesians 3:20-12

Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. 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.)

OR

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