

Opening Prayer

This morning Presbyterians in Churches all across Yellowstone Presbytery will be bowing their heads in prayer.

Let us pray together. When we pray together we can change the world, we can change ourselves. This morning we pray for our congregations, for our pastors, for our missions and ministries in our communities across Montana and around the world.

We seek to be a faithful Presbytery, not a just group of churches made of stone, wood and glass. We want to be churches with warm welcoming hearts, ready to receive a renewed sense of excitement and commitment. We stand ready to embrace new challenges, adopt new ways but all the while honoring you and our heritage.

We seek new ways to be a welcoming church and serve our communities. Change is not easy, change can be painful, but God we ask that you change us for your good, to travel the paths that you would have us walk together with you.

Call to Worship

L: Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you are called:

**All: We cannot do this alone,
we dare not try this alone,
so we gather as God's people.**

L: Lead a life worthy of your calling,
a life in unity with Christ filled with service.

**All: We come to build up Christ's Body,
in humility and gentleness,
with patience and love.**

L: Lead a life which reflects your calling,
a life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**All: We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;
we would share the grace offered to us.**

L: Live a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called.

**All: We gather as God's family
in many places across Montana**

**with but one heart
the heart of Christ.**

Prayer of Confession

God of unity and love,
place within each of us
a spirit of hope and community.
Have mercy upon us
when we speak without love
or act without humility.
Cleanse us with the living water of your grace.
Create in us a willingness

to live with patience and gentleness.
Raise us up to be one family of your children,
growing toward maturity
in faith and love.
Strengthen this church,
that we may be a model
of ministry and unity
for all the world to see.
In Christ's name, we pray. - Amen.

