

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho
February 18, 2024, 10:30 a.m. First Sunday in Lent
Andy Kennaly, Pastor
Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director
Worship Leader, Mickey Quinn; Usher, Gary Jones
Livestream, Sue Helander

PRELUDE MUSIC & LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CHORAL INTROIT *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN # 274 O God of Earth and Space

*OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal # 577 Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen...

CHORAL ANTHEM *Lenten Meditation*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, Mark 1:9-15

WORDS OF WITNESS "The Art of Release" Andy Kennaly, Pastor

*SONG OF RESPONSE # 2137 Would I Have Answered When You Called?

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

Eternal Spirit, Earth maker, Pain bearer, Life giver, Source of all that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven; The hallowing of your name echo through the Universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts that we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*The Doxology # 593 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen....

*CLOSING HYMN # 272 God of the Sparrow

CHARGE AND BLESSING, FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

We follow Christ's light, for we are a congregation of people,

Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.

POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES, FELLOWSHIP HALL GATHERING

WORDS TO SONGS

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O God of Earth and Space

O God of earth and space
Of sea and fire and air
Your providence surrounds us here
And everywhere
In fruit and grain and tree
In shelter from the cold
In cooling breezes flowing wells
Now as of old

Where faithfulness is shown
Where love and truth abound
Where beauty graces human life
There You are found
Inspirer of all thought
Creative force of art
The melody on every tongue
In every heart

Wherever freedom reigns
Where sin is overthrown
Where justice fused with mercy rules
There You are known
Give us the courage clear
To make the earth a home
For all to live in harmony
In Christ's shalom

Your word commands response
And summons us to life
We follow
Strengthened by Your grace
In calm or strife
Our ever present help
Our challenge and our prod
We praise You
Now and to life's end
Eternal God

Would I Have Answered When You Called?

Would I have answered when you
called,
Come, follow, follow me!""?
Would I at once have left behind
both work and family?
Or would the old, familiar round
have held me By its claim
and kept the spark within my heart
From bursting into flame?

Would I have followed where you led
through ancient Galilee,
On roads unknown, by ways untried,
beyond security?
Or would I soon have hurried back
where home and comfort drew,
Where truth you taught would not
disturb
The ordered world I knew?

Would I have matched my step with
yours
when crowds cried, ""Crucify!""
When on a rocky hill I saw
a cross against the sky?
Or would I too have slipped away
and left you there alone,
A dying king with crown of thorns
upon a terrible throne?

O Christ, I cannot search my heart
through all its tangled ways,
Nor can I with a certain mind
my steadfastness appraise.
I only pray that when you call,
""Come, follow, follow me!""
You'll give me strength beyond
my own to follow faithfully.

God of the Sparrow

God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow

God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry

God of the sick

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbour

God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages

God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home