

First Presbyterian Church Sandpoint April 7, 2024

Pastor Andy Kennaly

Worship Leaders: Adult Sunday School Group - Simple Service

Piano: Annie Welle; Choir Director: Dana Stockman; Livestream: Cynthia Dalsing

Light the Christ candle, Ring bell followed by a moment of silence

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Unison Prayer

Father/Mother, as we gather together opening our hearts to you and to each other, help us to feel the risen Lord, Jesus, within our hearts. Teach us to see Jesus in each other as we come together to serve you through widening our circle of friendships to include those who are poor, lonely, sick, in pain and the whole of your creation.

Call to Worship

How shall we live when shadows gather?

Drawn to God's unquenchable light, we are also drawn into one another's presence.

What was hidden has been revealed; we are woven together with all Creation.

When we live in the light, for God is light, we are one with each other.

Let us worship God, who is our Light and Salvation.

Opening Hymn We All Are One in Mission

Sing the Faith #2243

Simple Service – Adult Sunday School Group – Serving Spirit in Love

Matthew 25: ³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’
⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

For the Beauty of the Earth #473

This is My Father's World #293

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising #424

The Church's One Foundation #442

Be Thou My Vision #339

Prayers of the Community

Lord's Prayer

Spirit of Life and Love, Holy God, Source Eternal, in our midst yet still ever so elusive: To breathe your sacred name is a blessing. Your world become, Your will be done here, on Earth, inspired by our aspirations to do and be better people. May we have all that we need to survive, live and thrive. Remind us to be gentle; may we love mercy and kindness, recalling the times when we've fallen short ourselves. Call us to be firm; may we not be tempted to follow selfish motivations or reside in our narrow privileges, unexamined and uninterrogated; move us to counter and overcome evil and injustices in ourselves, our lives, and institutions.

Yours is the beloved Community, the fire of commitment in our hearts, and the spirit of generosity and abundance, now and always. Amen

Benediction

In the name of the one God, now and forever, receive this prayerful benediction:

The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love.

May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone. Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.

May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament. Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.

May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you.

And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love, *your love*, changes everything.

Amen

We are a congregation of people, **Loving, Living, Learning the joy of Faith**

Call to Worship Written by Rev. Paul Mitchell, Walla Walla, WA

An Alternate Lord's Prayer

www.uua.org/worship/words/prayer/invocation-spirit-life-alternative-lords-prayer