

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho
April 14, 2024, 10:30 a.m. Third Sunday of Easter

Andy Kennaly, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director
Gary Jones, Worship Leader; Usher, Jane Fritz
Cynthia Dalsing, Livestream

PRELUDE MUSIC & LIVESTREAM BEGINS

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

CHORAL INTROIT *Shall All Be Made Alive*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SONG Sing the Faith # 2202 Come Away with Me

*OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*SUNG RESPONSE #577 “Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and 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 *Resurrection Hymn*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, Luke 24:36b-48

WORDS OF WITNESS “Open-Minded Unity” Andy Kennaly, Pastor

SONG OF RESPONSE Sing the Faith # 2115 Christ Has Risen

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Good caring presence within us, around us, and above us; Hold us in a sense of mystery and wonder. Let the fullness of your goodness be within us and around us. Let all the world know your ways of caring and generosity. May we find we have all we need to meet each day without undue anxiety. Overlook our many stupidities, and help us to release everyone from their stupidities. May we know we are accepted. Strengthen us that we will reach out to the best, always with the faith to rise above the ugly realities of our existence. And we celebrate the gifts you have given us: the rich kingdom of life's possibilities, the power to do good and the triumphs of good, and the moments when we have seen the glory and wonder of everything. You are life's richness. You are life's power. You are life's ultimate meaning. Amen.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY

*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....

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING SONG Sing the Faith # 2238 In the Midst of New Dimensions

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, 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

WORDS TO SONGS

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Come Away with Me

Come away with me to a quiet place,
apart from the world with its frantic pace,
to pray, reflect, and seek God's grace.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come and pray with me on a gentle sea,
on top of a hill in the Galilee,
in gardens like Gethsemane.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come today with thoughts of the countless
ways
that God's steadfast love blesses all our days,
and join with me in silent praise.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come and say, in words whispered from your
soul,
the feelings and actions you can't control.
Your spirit needs to be made whole.
Come away with me. Come away.

Come away with me to a quiet place,
to God's loving arms waiting to embrace
all those who come in hope of grace.
Come away with me. Come away.

Christ Has Risen

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
As he said and as he promised,
As we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
Let the sun sustain the cheer;
Let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people
Whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women
Bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
Huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
Can't be silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companion
Former friends who fear the night,

Sensing loss and limitation
Where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
They expect no hopeful sign
Till Christ ends their conversation,
Breaking bread and sharing wine.

Christ has risen and forever
Lives to challenge and to change
All whose lives are messed or mangled,
All who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present
Making us what he has been
Evidence of transformation
In which God is known and seen.

In the Midst of New Dimensions

In the midst of new dimensions,
In the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
Wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain:

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
Leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, our journey now and ever,
Now and evermore.

Through the flood of staving people,
Warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? **Refrain**

As we stand a world divided
By our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village,
might envision wider dreams. **Refrain**

We are man and we are woman,
all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation,
Each a love song to be sung. **Refrain**

Should the threats of dire predictions
Cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit
Resurrect the church again, **Refrain**