

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

June 22, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

*Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director
Mickey Quinn, Worship Leader; Sylvia Humes & Judy Labrie, Ushers
Sue Helander, Livestream*

PRELUDE MUSIC & LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are in the third week of our “Quest” theme that is exploring our relationship with the wider world and a wider perspective of our own communities. Let us continue to imagine ourselves “far from home,” meeting each new insight with wonder, letting our experiences lead us to deeper reflection about ourselves. When we begin to broaden our experience of lands and peoples in our travel, or in our own towns and cities, we may move through a personal crisis if the plurality of religious thought and practice has not come into close view in our lives before. And yet, if we continue to reflect and open, what feels so different may not be as far from us as we first imagined. The light we seek and life-sustaining river that runs through the “Kin-dom” of God is full of common themes across religions: peaceful coexistence, food and shelter, love and compassion for those suffering and oppressed. How can deeper reflection about our own hesitation to connect to the wider human family free us to explore more possibilities for a better world?

Far from home, we know we’re seeing, everywhere is full of meaning; different folks expand our world and awe of all the creation and its beings.

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

*OPENING HYMN #275 “God of Our Life”

*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....

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 65:17-25, Revelations 21:22-26

CHILDREN’S MOMENT “What’s in the backpack?”

WORDS OF WITNESS “Getting to know a new community, we get closer (in this life) to knowing the kin-dom” Pastor Catherine Lyle

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #358 “Help Us Accept Each Other”

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

*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. Amen....

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING SONG #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

CHARGE, BENEDICTION, FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

We are a congregation of people

Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.

POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES

WORDS TO SONGS

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God of Our Life

God of our life, through all the circling years,
We trust in Thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land;
Be Thou our guide.
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown
We follow Thee;
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;
Our refuge be.
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Help Us Accept Each Other

Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother,
Each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us
And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted
And meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons,
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith
Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them
Or as they may become.

Let Your acceptance change us,
So that we may be moved
In living situations
To do the truth in love;
To practice Your acceptance
Until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness
And laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters
With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance,
For righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing,
New hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit;
Lord, free us, make us one!

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

You have come up to the lakeshore,
Looking neither for wise nor for wealthy.
You only wanted that I should follow.

Refrain:

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me,
And, while smiling, have called out my name.
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
Now with You I will seek other seas.

You know that I own so little,
In my boat there's no money nor weapons,
You'll only find there my nets and labor.

Refrain

You need the caring of my hands.
Through my tiredness, may others find resting.
You need a love that just goes on loving.

Refrain

You, who have fished other oceans,
Ever longed for by souls that are waiting,
My dear and good friend, as thus You call me.

Refrain

