

# *First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho*

June 29, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

*Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director  
Dyno Wahl, Worship Leader; Jane Fritz & Judy Labrie, Ushers  
Don Helander, Livestream*

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes when we have traveled away from the familiar, we return and find the familiar holds more than we had noticed before. Our eyes, now trained to wonder and appreciate, behold the place we left afresh. Our “Quest” has brought us right ‘round again. As we bring our series on travel to a close, we contemplate what it means to return home. After stretching our spirits and our love to include more of the glorious creation and its peoples, we return to a home that will never be the same to use. We have returned with “guests”—memories of new friends and new perspectives. Perhaps we also return with new convictions to be more active and loving citizens of humanity right where we reside. Jesus says “abide in me” and follows that up with the commandment to love one another. The beauty of travel as a spiritual act is, as Rick Steves says, that our prized souvenirs are the “strands of different cultures we decide to knit into our own character.”

**Coming home, we set our seeing to hold onto deeper meaning; loving life and making home a place for 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 #263 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

\*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....*

SPECIAL MUSIC “This Train” Dana Stockman, Kirsten Thompson, sopranos

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 36:5-9, John 15:1-17

CHILDREN’S MOMENT “Dr. Seuss”

WORDS OF WITNESS “Returning Home” Catherine Lyle, Pastor

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE # “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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 HYMN #2235-b “We Are Marching (Siyahamba)” (*Sing the Faith*)

## 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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#### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and  
love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

#### **Called as Partners in Christ's Service**

Called as partners in Christ's service,  
Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
Side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering,  
Reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer,  
All God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
In a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens,  
Breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
Words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action  
Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
Our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace.

#### **We Are Marching (Siyahamba)**

We are marching in the light of God.  
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We are marching, we are marching, ooh,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching, ooh,  
We are marching in the light of God.

We are singing...  
We are walking...  
We are dancing...  
We are praying...