

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

August 3, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director

Dyno Wahl, Worship Leader; TBD, Ushers

Sue Helander, Livestream

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS, LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOISY OFFERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world hates,

we are called to love.

When the world rejects the poor,

We are called to walk with them.

When the world does evil,

We are called to do good.

We will not be conformed to the world's pattern,

but transformed by God's call to what is good, and acceptable, and perfect.

Let us worship!

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 #407 "When a Poor One"

*OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

Creator of heaven and earth, we come before You today with hearts filled with reverence and longing for Your powerful presence. Thank You for the profound promise found in Hosea 13:14, where You proclaim, "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes." This verse encapsulates the essence of Your unyielding love and immense grace, which offer us hope even in our darkest moments. We reminded that You, O God, are not only a protector but also a redeemer. You have the power to liberate us from the clutches of death and the grave, which can feel like insurmountable forces threatening our joys and our peace. I beseech You today to work in and through our lives, to free us from fear and to instill within us the assurance of Your everlasting presence. We pray, Lord, that this promise resonates deeply within our souls. May we feel the weight of Your words as they wash over us, reassuring us that even in moments when we feel overwhelmed by the inevitability of death, I can stand firm in the knowledge that You are my redeemer, my Savior. Let our hearts not be troubled, for You have assured us that death is not the final word. May we never allow anxiety or despair to rob us of the joy and peace that comes from knowing we are in Your

loving hands. We cast my burdens upon You, trusting that You have borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Amen

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 Hosea 13:9-14:3, Romans 12:9-21

CHILDREN’S MOMENT “Pros and Cons: Which would you rather have, a dictator King or a God who sets you free?”

WORDS OF WITNESS “With any life comes responsibilities” Catherine Lyle, Pastor

*SONG OF RESPONSE #507 “I Come with Joy”

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

*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

COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN #439 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

*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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When a Poor One

When a poor one who has nothing shares with
strangers,
When the thirsty water give unto us all,
When the crippled in their weakness strengthen
others,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
When they hope though even hope seems
hopelessness,
When we love though hate at times seems all
around us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
When our lips can speak no words other than true,
When we know that love for simple things is better,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness in
abundance,
When we learn how to make peace instead of war,
When each stranger that we meet is called a
neighbor,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us,
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.

I Come with Joy

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall
His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
And strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known:
We see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here.

Together met, together bound
We'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world,
We'll live and speak His praise,
We'll live and speak His praise.

In Christ There Is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.