

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

August 9, 2026, 11:00 a.m., 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano

Jane Fritz, Worship Leader; Kathleen Huntley & Victoria Oliver, Ushers

Sue Helander, Livestream

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” by Michael Rosen

We’re going on a bear hunt

We’re going to catch a big one

What a beautiful day

We’re not scared

Uh Oh! Grass - River - Mud - Forest - A Cave

We can’t go over it

We can’t go under it

We’ve got to go through it

This classic children’s story stems from the author Michael Rosen, and he is Jewish. We can’t avoid the hard parts of life, and our children will have to face this time in their own way with their own Spiritual gifts. As we face the challenges of our time may we find comfort in loved ones checking in on us, strangers who came to help, and the small meaningful blessings that reminded us that better days are coming. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #525 “Here I Am, Lord”

*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 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-5 (FNV)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT “Going on a Bear Hunt”

WORDS OF WITNESS “Walking is not running and it is not wallowing either”

Catherine Lyle, Pastor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #2086 “Open Our Eyes” (*sing twice through, Sing the Faith*)

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.

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 #2226** “Bind Us Together” (*sing twice through, 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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Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness right.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord, of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My live to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Open Our Eyes (*sing twice through*)

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.

Bind Us Together (*sing twice through*)

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Bind us together in love.

There is Only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one body,
That is why we sing.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Bind us together in love.