

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho
October 30, 2022, 10:30 a.m. Reformation Sunday,

Andy Kennaly, Pastor Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director
Worship Leader, Sue Helander; Ushers, Carol Curtis, Paula Vincent
Livestream, Don Helander

PRELUDE MUSIC & LIVESTREAM BEGINS, LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE
RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS
LIGHT THE REFORMATION CANDLE

*OPENING SONG Sing the Faith # 2236 Gather Us In

*UNISON OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

Gracious God, in Christ Jesus you come to seek and save the lost. You cover us with mercy and uphold us in times of trouble. Even when evil is all around, you show us a vision of justice, and empower us with your own Spirit, so that we do not lose hope. All thanks and praise to you, O God, for you come to save us and set us free. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

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

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal # 577 Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to 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 *God's Grace Abounds*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 32:1-7, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10

WORDS OF WITNESS "Passing Through" Andy Kennaly, Pastor

SONG OF RESPONSE Sing the Faith #2237 As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

Dear One, closer to us than our own hearts, farther from us than the most distant star, you are beyond naming. May your powerful presence become obvious not only in the undeniable glory of the sky, but also in the seemingly base and common processes of the earth. Give us what we need, day by day, to keep body and soul together, because clever as you have made us, we still owe our existence to you. We recognize that to be reconciled with you, we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings, putting hate and bitterness behind us. We are torn between our faith in your goodness and our awareness of the evil in your creation, so deliver us from the temptation to despair. Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty. So it is. Amen.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY, PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*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....*

*CLOSING HYMN Hymnal # 431 O Lord, You Gave Your Servant John

CHARGE AND 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

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Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken
Gather us in, the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken
We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery
We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of history
Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty
Gather us in, the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly
Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water
Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters
Call us anew to be salt for the earth
Give us to drink the wine of compassion
Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is shining
Now is the kingdom, now is the day
Gather us in and hold us forever
Gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.

Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle loving actions, we would show that
Christ is light.
in a humble, listening spirit, we would live to
God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life
renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness mid earth's
peoples many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is
past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new
and glorious dawn..

O Lord, You Gave Your Servant John

O Lord, you gave your servant John
a vision of the world to come:
a radiant city filled with light,

where you with us will make your home.
Where neither grief nor pain shall dwell,
since former things have passed away,
and where they need no sun nor moon;
your glory lights eternal day.

Our cities, Lord, wear shrouds of pain;
beneath our gleaming towers of wealth
the homeless crouch in rain and snow,
the poor cry out for strength and health.
Youth's hope is dimmed by ignorance;
unwilling, workers idled stand;
indifference walks unheeding by
as hunger stretches out its hand.

Come, Lord, make real John's vision fair;
come, dwell with us, make all things new;
we try in vain to save our world
unless our help shall come from You.
Come, strengthen us to live in love;
bid hatred, greed, injustice cease.
Your glory all the light we need,
let all our cities shine forth peace.