

*First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho*  
*October 15, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Andy Kennaly, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano*  
*Sharon Anderson, Worship Leader; Cynthia Dalsing, Livestream*  
*Jane Fritz, Usher*

Prelude Music & Livestream Begins

Lighting the Christ Candle, Ring the Bell, Moment of Silence

Welcome, Announcements

\*Opening Hymn # 461 God Is Here!

\*Opening Prayer and Responsive Peace of Christ

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

\*Sung Response Hymnal #577 “Glory Be to the Father”

Scripture Readings Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

Words of Witness “Whatever Is” Andy Kennaly

Hymn of Response # 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Prayers of the Community

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

Offering, Offertory, Doxology, \*Prayer of Dedication

\*The Doxology # 593 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

\*Closing Hymn # 343 Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

\*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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### **God Is Here**

God is here! As we your people  
Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure  
What it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit  
Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
Of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font and pulpit;  
Here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
Here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living  
To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the Gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without you,  
We adore you! We believe!

### **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's  
destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to 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.