

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

November 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Andy Kennaly, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano

Paula Vincent, Worship Leader; Cynthia Dalsing, Livestream

Jane Fritz and Judy Labrie, Ushers

Prelude Music & Livestream Begins

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

Choral Introit Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Welcome, Announcements

*Opening Songs

Sing the Faith # 2108 O How He Loves You and Me

Sing the Faith # 2196 We Walk by Faith

*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”

Choral Anthem Praise the Lord with Jubilant Song

Scripture Readings Judges 4:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

Words of Witness “Worshipful Lives” Andy Kennaly

Hymn of Response # 343 Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

Prayers of the Community & The Lord’s Prayer

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

Good caring presence within us, around us, and above us; Hold us in a sense of mystery and wonder. Let the fullness of your goodness be within us and around us. Let all the world know your ways of caring and generosity. May we find we have all we need to meet each day without undue anxiety. Overlook our many stupidities, and help us to release everyone from their stupidities. May we know we are accepted. Strengthen us that we will reach out to the best, always with the faith to rise above the ugly realities of our existence. And we celebrate the gifts you have given us: the rich kingdom of life's possibilities, the power to do good and the triumphs of good, and the moments when we have seen the glory and wonder of everything. You are life's richness. You are life's power. You are life's ultimate meaning. Amen.

Offering, Offertory, Doxology, *Prayer of Dedication

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

*Closing Hymn # 289 O God of Every Nation

*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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O How He Loves You and Me

Oh, how He loves you and me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life, what more could He
give;
Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He
loves me,
Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go,
His love for sinner to show.
What He did there brought hope from
despair.
Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He
loves me,
Oh how He loves you and me.

We Walk by Faith

1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe Him near.

2 We may not touch His hands and
side,
nor follow where He trod;
yet in His promise we rejoice
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on You when You are near
and seek where You are found.

4 That, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light,
may we behold You as You are
in full and endless sight.

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 fulfil 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

O God of Every Nation

O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation
with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us,
and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray!

Lord, strengthen those who labor
that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter,
Your still small voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when peace on earth shall reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.