July 26, 2020 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

Andrew Kennaly, Pastor Annie Welle, Pianist

START FACEBOOK LIVE AT 9:30 A.M., OPENING MUSIC

LIGHT CHRIST CANDLE, RING THE BELL

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you invite us to be still and know that you are God. When all else is stripped away, your Stillness remains. Help us to become attentive to your Spirit’s living Presence in and among us, and help us to trust the stillness as a refuge, holding us as the Spirit prays on our behalf. During uncertain times, as stressors go up, remind us all the more to turn to you. As we gather in prayer, sharing thoughts and concerns for people suffering in mind, body, or spirit, as storms lash out and society struggles, all in the setting of a pandemic, may our words give way to a stronger need, and a more constant reality: that our soul’s are at rest in you. United in the love of Christ, the very foundation of faith and life, we pray with awe and wonder. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

WORDS OF WITNESS “Daylilies, a Sermon Story”

OFFERING

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PRAYER: Shall we pray?

O God, with every breath you sustain us and invite us to trust you more. Keep us so rooted in you that love may bloom in us as we branch out to bless the world as your beloved. Use us, and these your gifts, for the purposes of Christ.

For we pray as Jesus taught his disciples, saying,

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.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of Christ. Loving Unity is the structure of all there is, seen and unseen. Live into the unity, and let the love catch you by surprise in moments of surrender. Remember to bow, for the Kingdom of Heaven is within you, and Christ is in all things, even as all things are in Christ. We give thanks for the Love of God the Father, the grace and peace of Christ, Jesus, and the ongoing advocacy of the Holy Spirit, both NOW, and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH THE WORLD

CLOSING MUSIC