August 9, 2020 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 14:22-33

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

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

LIGHT CHRIST CANDLE, RING THE BELL

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

I would invite you as we gather in worship in a virtual way to have something that you can touch. Perhaps a candle, or a chalice, or a cross; some type of object that you can feel with your hands in a tactile way. With something in hand, let’s take a look at the scripture lesson from Matthew.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:22-33

WORDS OF WITNESS “Becoming Who You Are”

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Prayers…

-We join Victoria in prayers for Mary and Aly, both prayers for health

-for safe travels for Garritt

-Michel, for health

-for people recovering from hurricanes and other climate storms

-for those in Lebanon following that huge explosion in Beirut as people work through the rubble and the unsettling emotions and political fallout

-for global leaders to make wise decisions to help the common good

-for health and healing during the pandemic, and especially for people who need to work in ways that expose them to the virus; and for those experiencing growing hunger and financial need

And as we continue to pray, we are reminded, O God, that faith moves us beyond certainty, and vision involves more than what is seen. We celebrate your Living Presence in and among us, and give you thanks for raising awareness of our connection with you in all things. Help us to become who we are, as spiritual beings in connection, as human beings wired for loving relationship with you. As we claim our Unity, help us come alongside Jesus as he journeys down the mountain and into the stormy wind, for your Spirit blows where it will, not as adversary, but as Advocate, not as conqueror, but as Comforter. Help us, like the early Church of Matthew’s community, to take courage when times are tough, and may the struggles and pain of life draw us closer to you as we open our hearts, crying out in Christ.

For we gather together, praying as Jesus shares with 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.

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

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As we are held in the loving care of God, not only does God reach out to us, but we reach out to God in mutual embrace. In sharing this caring, may the Love of God the Father, the grace and peace of Christ, Jesus, and the ongoing advocacy of the Holy Spirit, be with us both NOW, and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH THE WORLD

CLOSING MUSIC