August 23, 2020 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

Andrew Kennaly, Pastor Annie Welle, Pianist

LIGHT CHRIST CANDLE, START FACEBOOK LIVE AT 9:30 A.M.

OPENING MUSIC

RING THE BELL, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Prayers…

- Victoria asks prayers for her daughter, Michelle, who is having testing for kidney problems. Prayers for healing.

- Prayers for the double storms impacting the Gulf Coast

- Prayers for the last frontier, the wildlife and wild lands of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which the government is now opening to the auction of oil drilling permits

- For created beings in western states facing catastrophic wildfires, fueled by Global Warming’s record setting global temperatures

- For the United States in the midst of election cycles that assume a dialectic, the choice between one or another, and the division such mindsets create. Prayers for deeper wisdom and a larger healing for Western Culture.

- Prayers for the mentally ill, especially those in the streets with little help available.

Let’s take a minute and hold silence together as we pray in our hearts…

Lord God, for these prayers, and the many that go unspoken, as your beautiful creation groans with pain too deep for words, in your mercy, hear our prayer, hold our grief, forgive those in denial of our complicit role in causing suffering, and draw us closer to the mind of 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!

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

WORDS OF WITNESS “The Gate of Heaven (is everywhere)”

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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