September 20, 2020 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 20:1-16

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

Andrew Kennaly, Pastor Annie Welle, Pianist Bill Love, Preaching

LIGHT CHRIST CANDLE, START FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10:30 A.M.

OPENING MUSIC

RING THE BELL, SMILE, WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Prayers…

- for Frankie who faces some health challenges right now

- for the Session of First Presbyterian Church, which is our Council of Ruling Elders, as we meet this Tuesday to discuss the current Covid-19 situation and possibly re-opening for worship, the current Capital Campaign to repair and paint the building soffits, and other mission and ministry before us

- for the Bonner Community Food Bank and its Director, Debbie Love, reaching out to fight hunger in Bonner County

- for many people facing hardship through natural disasters, from hurricanes and heavy rains to drought and catastrophic fires

- for peace, unity, and the common good to prevail over violence, separation, and divisiveness, especially across society and politics both nationally and globally

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, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Help us, in whatever life circumstances we are facing, to trust you more, to lean into the mystery of your redemptive grace. Open our heart, transform our mind, and grow your loving Presence within us, we pray, in Christ, 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 Matthew 20:1-16

WORDS OF WITNESS “Life Is Not Always Fair” Ruling Elder, Bill Love

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

As we move forward in faith, embracing the mystery of God’s love for the world, may we respond with faith, even when life seems unfair; may we trust the journey as we follow Jesus. In Christ, we are transformed in divine love: the Love of God the Father, the grace and peace of Christ, and the living Presence of the Holy Spirit, NOW, and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH THE WORLD

CLOSING MUSIC