February 14, 2021 Transfiguration Sunday

First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho

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BEGIN FACEBOOK LIVE, OPENING MUSIC

LIGHT CHRIST CANDLE, RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

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Today is Transfiguration Sunday, a way of describing the changing appearance of Jesus on a mountaintop as some of the disciples have a closer encounter with God. Today is also a transitional Sunday, moving us from the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany cycle into the Lenten Season as we prepare our hearts for Easter. This Wednesday, February 17th, we’ll be doing an online, Facebook Live service at 5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. We’ll gather online at 5:30 p.m. for worship. But for now, as we gather on this Transfiguration Sunday, let’s start with prayer…

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Holy God, God with us, we give you thanks for the beauty of your goodness and love. The voices of prophets echo throughout history, calling us to faithful trust as you draw near, abiding with us. Open the eyes of our hearts to receive your living presence, even as Christ unites us with you and all there is.

We pray for the world, for peace instead of violence or war, for contentment instead of greed or gluttony, for the solidarity of community instead of isolation and division. We are mindful of those who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, and pray for your comfort and healing touch. We pray for the wellbeing of our Jewish brothers and sisters in Spokane after Nazi symbols were spray painted on their temple building. May your larger community come together for a better world as love casts out fear, May enemies be healed from the deep pains that fuel their hate, softening hearts and expanding hospitality and welcome as restorative justice expresses love’s action. For we pray even what 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 2 Kings 2:1-12, read by worship leader

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 50:1-6, read by worship leader

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:2-9, read by Pastor

WORDS OF WITNESS “Looking Up, and Within”

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

On the mountain with God, Jesus calls and accompanies us, inviting us to follow as we descend into out hearts, listening through love for the leading of God’s Spirit to help us reflect God’s beauty in the world. As we live and move and have our being, may the love of God the Father, the grace and peace of Christ, and the sustaining Presence of the Holy Spirit, one God faithfully blessing, be with us NOW, building us in love, even as forever. Amen.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITH THE WORLD

CLOSING MUSIC, ENDING FACEBOOK LIVE