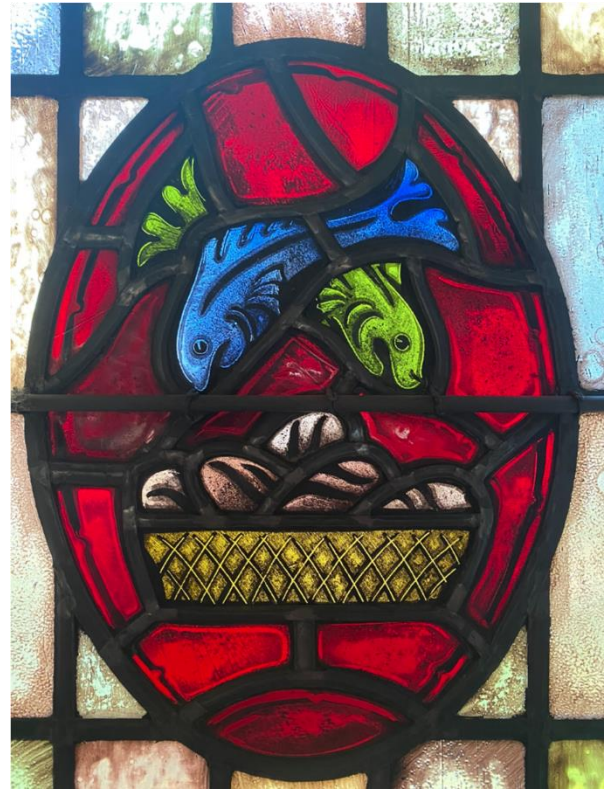


Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This coming Sunday, August 4, is the Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost. We will be moving from *Mark 6* to *John 6*, starting the new theme: “The Bread of Life.” *John 6* has bread in abundance, exhibiting the different ways that Jesus embodies and enacts this title. This week we will meet Jesus by the Sea of Galilee once again, surrounded by a crowd of hungry people. In preparation for Sunday, I invite you to reflect on a time when you helped to prepare food for a lot of hungry people. How much work went into that? How did you manage to make it a success?

It is only fitting that we start out “The Bread of Life” month by breaking bread together! We will be celebrating Holy Communion this Sunday, so if you are worshiping from home be sure to gather together elements of grain based food and your favorite beverage. Remember, we are spiritually connected at the Lord’s table no matter where we may be worshiping!



We will continue our practice of hybrid worship. This means that you are welcome to join us in person and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you are able to access technology for online worship, we will be live streaming the service via Youtube and Facebook.

For Youtube Live, please go to our channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/, subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before the service starts. If you watch later, click on our channel and then select “Live” videos. You can also watch afterward on our website at: <https://fpchighland.org/worship>.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around the start of worship. A recording of the service will remain on our Facebook page if you want to watch later.

As always, I have included worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, a sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

I leave you with these words from *John*:

Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

In Christ and with Love,

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