

Dear All,

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

This coming Sunday, July 18, is the eighth Sunday after Pentecost. We will be taking a look at David's desire to build a temple to house God's holy presence and at God's desire for that presence to be known outside of building walls, out where the people are. In preparation for Sunday, I invite you to reflect on the different places you have encountered God's presence throughout your life. What was it about those places or experiences that awakened you to your awareness of God's presence?

If weather permits, we will get to engage in this exploration outside of our own building walls, as we are trying to worship in our beautiful garden the third Sunday of each month this summer. Please bring chairs and join us in God's good creation! If weather does not allow, we will be in the sanctuary.

We will continue our practice of hybrid worship this Sunday. 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 virtual 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 10:30 AM CST.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around 10:30 AM CST. We will also post a recording of the service later in the day.

As always, I have included all of Sunday's worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymn, sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

I leave you with these words from 2 *Samuel*:

“Thus says the LORD: ‘Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’”

In Christ and With Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem