



Dear All,

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

This coming Sunday, July 3, is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost! We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper! If you will be worshiping from home, I invite you to gather together bread, crackers, tortillas, or some other grain-based food along with wine, juice, or some other beverage. When you get to that part of the service, partake with the knowledge that we are all spiritually together in our communion. Scripturally, we will be continuing our journey through the lives and lessons of the prophets. This week we will see some of the work of the prophet Elisha, back by the River Jordan where he picked up and put on Elijah's mantle. In preparation for Sunday, I invite you to think about some times when you ignored advice that you should have taken. Were pride and arrogance part of that decision? How can we better share with and listen to each other in a way that casts out pride and arrogance? 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 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 Central.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around 10:30 AM Central. 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, hymns, sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

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

His servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem