

Dear All,

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

This coming Sunday, August 14, is the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost! We will be continuing our voyage through *Isaiah*, this time taking a look at the words of the writer known as *Deutero (Second) Isaiah*. Remember, there were a few different Isaiahs! This one was writing during the Babylonian captivity, and he had a lot to say about a potential messiah coming to save them! In preparation for Sunday, I invite you to close your eyes and imagine being exiled from your home—from the landscape you are used to, the context you come from, and the cultures that nurtured you. If you were forcibly removed to another place, what type of person would you want to come and rescue you? What attributes would you expect in that person?



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/](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 *Isaiah*:

*A voice cries out:*

*“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”*

In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem