



Dear All,

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

This coming Sunday, August 7, is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost! We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper! If you will be worshipping 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. We will start learning from Isaiah, perhaps the most influential of the Hebrew prophets for us Christians. In preparation for Sunday, I invite you to reflect on your own experience with Isaiah. During what liturgical seasons or celebrations do you typically hear his words being read? How have his words played a role in your spiritual life? Do you have a favorite verse or passage from the book of *Isaiah*?

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 *Isaiah*:

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem