

Dear All,

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

This coming Sunday, September 26, is the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. We will have the blessing of hearing the Word spoken by Dr. Mark Beach from Mid-America Reformed Seminary as I take a brief trip home to celebrate my sister's birthday. I will see you all there virtually! Dr. Beach will be focusing on some of Jesus' healings in the gospel of *Mark*. In preparation for Sunday, I invite you to reflect upon belief and faith. What does it mean to believe? What does it mean to have faith? How should we act upon belief and faith?



As has become my way of doing things when we have a guest preacher, I have attached one of my past sermons for you to read and reflect upon if you will be worshipping from home. Remember that no matter how you worship with us, you are still fully connected through the beautiful mysteries of the Holy Spirit!

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 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.

I have included all of Sunday's worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, a sermon, and creative activities for all ages.

I leave you with these words from *Mark*: "While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.'"

In Christ and With Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem