

Dear All,

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

This coming Sunday is the Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost! We will be celebrating Communion. If you will be worshiping from home, I invite you to gather together the elements so that you can partake with us. Find bread, crackers, tortillas, or any other grain-based food and wine, grape juice, or any other beverage that is meaningful to you.

This week we will meet Moses upon a mountain where he encounters the Holy in a burning bush. In preparation for Sunday, I invite you to go outside barefoot. Let your feet feel the soil! Consider what ground you consider to be sacred. Where do you most acutely feel God's presence? When you are there, do you feel burdened or liberated? What would it mean if we recognized all of Creation as holy?

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 online 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 the service starts. If you watch later, click on our channel and then select "Live" videos. You can also watch afterward on our website at:

<https://fpchighland.org/worship>.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around the start of worship. A recording of the service will remain on our Facebook page if you want to watch later.

As always, I have included worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, a sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

I leave you with these words from *Exodus*:

When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

In Christ and with Love,

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