

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 10, 2017

10:30 am



**Mission Statement**

*“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”*

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For God does not give us anything in order that we should enjoy its possession and rest content with it, nor has he ever done so. All the gifts which he has ever granted us in heaven or on earth were made solely in order to be able to give us the one gift, which is himself... We should learn to see God in all gifts and works, neither resting content with anything nor becoming attached to anything. For us there can be no attachment to a particular manner of behavior in this life, nor has this ever been right, however successful we may have been.

Meister Eckhart: Selected Writings



**Leading in Worship Today**

Rev. Dr. Jim Currie, Preaching  
Jo Ann Currie, Liturgist  
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
Dr. Martha Braswell, Organist  
Margaret Bardin, Pianist  
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual Ministry



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Gathering Around the Word of God**

**Welcome and Life of the Church**

**Minute for Mission**

**Prelude:** *Meditation on Beautiful Savior*

FPC Handbells

Cathy Mocklebust

**Introit:** #188 *Jesus Loves Me!*

William Batchelder Bradbury

Congregation is invited to sing

**†Call to Worship**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

**All: love is the fulfillment of the law.**

**†Hymn of Praise:** #20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**Call to Confession**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**Silent Confession**

**Liturgist:** Amen

**Assurance of Pardon**

#71 *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* (refrain only)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and God will be my Savior.

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**†Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri) #581**

**†Sharing the Peace of Christ**

**Chancel Time with Children**

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

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**Anthem:** *Spirit, Come Down*

Mark Hayes

Spirit, come down like the days of old. Spirit, come down and fill my soul.

Lord, I want to be used by You, to feel Your power in all I do.

Spirit, come down and fill my soul.

Now on the day of Pentecost the disciples of the Lord were in one place  
when suddenly from heav'n on high came the sound of a mighty wind.  
That mighty wind then filled the place, and the Spirit appeared like tongues of fire.  
It took control of ev'ryone, filling them with pow'r.

Spirit, come down like the days of old. Spirit, come down and fill my soul.

Lord, I want to be used by You, to feel Your power in all I do.

Spirit, come down and fill my soul.

There were people there from ev'ry land, yet they heard God's word in their native tongue,  
for the Spirit had helped them understand the mighty word of the Lord.

Spirit, come down like the days of old. Spirit, come down and fill my soul.

Lord, I want to be used by You, to feel Your power in all I do.

Spirit, come down and fill my soul.

**Prayer for Illumination:** #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**First Lesson:** Matthew 16:13-20 (p. 694)

**Sermon Lesson:** Exodus 1:8-22 (p. 40)

**Sermon:** "A King Who Knew Not Joseph"

Rev. Jim Currie

**Responding to the Word of God**

**†Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles' Creed (p. 35)

**†Hymn of Affirmation:** #370 *This is My Father's World*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music:** *Polonaise*

Martha Braswell and Margaret Bardin

**†Doxology:** #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**†Prayer of Dedication**

**Taking the Word of God into the World**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)**

**†Hymn of Inspiration:** #475 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**†Benediction**

**Response:** #43 (refrain) *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of his hand.

**†Postlude:** *March*

Martha Braswell and Margaret Bardin