

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 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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Celia Scheer
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Sue Clark
Betty Pendleton

Give us courage, Lord, to stand up and be counted,
to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves,
to stand up for ourselves when it is needful for us to do so.

Let us fear nothing more than we fear you,
let us love nothing more than we love you,
for thus we shall fear nothing also.

Let us have no other God before you,
whether nation or party or state or church.

Let us seek no other peace
but the peace which is yours,
and make us its instruments,
opening our eyes and our ears and our hearts,
so that we should know always
what work of peace we may do for you.

Alan Paton, South Africa

Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Laureen Suba, Preaching
Faith Alvarez, 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: *Jesus Loves Me*

Martha Braswell and Margaret Bardin

Joel Raney

Introit: #399 *God Welcomes All*

John L. Bell

†Call to Worship

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.

All: Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.

†Hymn of Praise: #49 *The God of Abraham Praise*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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.

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

Anthem: *Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

Jody W. Lindh

Lord, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace, Lord, of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, let there be faith;

Where there is despair, let me sow hope;

Where there is darkness, let there be light;

Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

Lord, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace, Lord, of thy peace.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love,

for it is in giving that we receive and in pard'ning we are pardoned.

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Lord, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace, Lord, of thy peace.

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: Exodus 16:2-15 (p. 51)

Sermon Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16 (p. 697)

Sermon: "First? Last? Who cares, if we're all in Heaven?"

Rev. Lauren Suba

Responding to the Word of God

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

†Hymn of Affirmation: #300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Berceuse*

Martha Braswell and Margaret Bardin

Gabriel Faure

†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: #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

†Benediction

Response: # 542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again (verse 1)*

William G. Tomer

God be with you till we meet again;

loving counsels guide, uphold you,

with a shepherd's care enfold you;

God be with you till we meet again

†Postlude: *Every Time I Feel The Spirit*

John Carter