

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 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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Lord, un wrinkle my tired soul
un snarl my garbled thoughts and words
un wind my gnarled nerves
and let me relax in Thee.

from Guide My Feet
by Marian Wright Edelman



Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Jim Currie, Preaching
Mark Corder, Liturgist
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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: *Poco Andante*

Edvard Greig

Introit: #613 *O Lord, Our Lord*

Michael W. Smith

†Call to Worship

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to God for the faith we share;

All: be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.

†Hymn of Praise: #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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: *Grateful Praise*

Mark D Edwards

Praise to the Lord above, Author of peace and love, Father, Creator of all;
Glory and majesty, honor we offer Thee, on Thy name we do call.
Thankful for eyes to see blessings of life so free, praise and rejoicing fill our days;
Lifting our voice to sing, joyfully offering our song of grateful praise.
This our hymn of grateful praise.

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: Isaiah 42:1-4 (p. 498)

Sermon Lesson: I Thessalonians 1:1-10 (p. 835)

Sermon: "The Center that Holds"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

†Hymn of Affirmation: #644 *Give Thanks, O Christian People*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *The Water Is Wide*

arr. John Purifoy

†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: #727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

†Benediction

Response: # 625 *O Lord My God (verse 1)*

Stuart K. Hine

†Postlude: *The Heavens Declare the Glory*

William Bennett