

† **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:** *Allegro di Molto*

Carl Philip Emmanuel Bach

\*\*\*The dove on today's bulletin forms the top of the Presbyterian cross. The figure of a dove is one of the oldest symbols in the history of Christianity, representing the presence of God as the Holy Spirit and peace and purity. This morning, we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. We remember that scripture tells us that "the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove."

First Presbyterian Church  
of Pasadena

*Baptism of the Lord*

January 8, 2017

10:30 am

God in heaven,  
Let me really feel my nothingness,  
Not in order to despair over it,  
But in order to feel the more powerfully  
The greatness of your goodness.

Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)  
Danish philosopher and theologian

**Mission Statement:** On November 29, 2016, the Session of First Presbyterian Church adopted the following Mission Statement for our church:

*"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."*

A mission statement is a formal statement of purpose and/or summary of the aims and values of an organization. As we move forward, may we try to live out this mission in everything we say and do.

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\*\*\*Description of the dove symbol is located on the back of your bulletin.

Leading in Worship Today...

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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:** *Adagio*

Joseph Haydn

**Introit #492:** *You Belong to Christ*

Robert A. Hobby

#### † Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

**All: and in the temple God's people say: Glory!**

† **Hymn of Praise #265:** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

#### Call to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Creator God, our soul's delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth, Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son; may we recall our baptism, and be disciples of the Anointed One. 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:** *Song of the Apostle*

John Ness Beck

All things work together for good to those who love God,  
to those who are called according to His purpose.  
All things work together for good to those who love God,  
He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all,  
How will He not also with Him freely give us all things?  
All things work together for good to those who love God,  
to those who are called according to His purpose.  
All things work together for good to those who love God.

#### Proclaiming the Word of God

**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 42:1-9 (p. 513)

**Sermon Lesson:** Matthew 3:13-17 (p. 682)

**Sermon:** "Baptized for What?"

Rev. Jim Currie

#### Responding to the Word of God

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

† **Hymn of Affirmation #757:** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

#### Offering Our Gifts to God

**Offertory Music:** *God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

† **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 #765:** *May the God of Hope Go with Us*