

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017

10:30



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.”

Saint Augustine was wise and clear in his teaching. He warned the Christians of the fourth century not to decapitate the risen Christ - that is, not to separate Jesus from his Body on earth, and therefore not to pretend that we can follow him while neglecting to love our sisters and brothers. Our own act of commitment in which we accept Christ in our heart is also a commitment to live in solidarity with those who journey with him today, especially the marginalized and the suffering. As one prayer says: ‘Lord, if I am to be a light for you, I must endure the burning.’

Lord of all being, I give you my all,
 If e’er I disown you I stumble and fall;
 But, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
 I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

An Iona Prayer Book

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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: *Prelude on "Old 24th"*

J.S. Bach

†Call to Worship

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Surely the Lord is in this place!

All: This is the house of God.

†Hymn of Praise #12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We often condone evil, hatred, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you move toward 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.
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love."

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination *God Has Something to Say*

"God has something to say. God has something to say.

Listen, listen...Pay attention...

God has something to say."

(Ghost Ranch Prayer for Illumination)

First Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19a (p. 20)

Sermon Lesson: Romans 8:12-25 (p. 800)

Sermon: Jesus and the Movies: "The Shawshank Redemption"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

†Hymn of Affirmation #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Everlasting Arms*

J. S. Bach

†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 #375 *Shall We Gather at the River*

†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: *My Soul on Wings Ascending*

Johann Schop