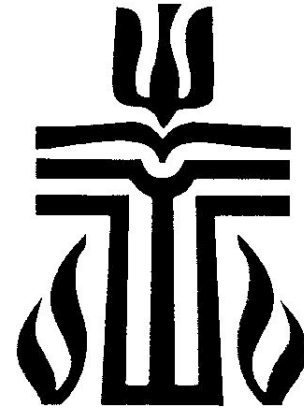


# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Second Sunday in Lent*

March 12, 2017

10:30 am



“What is REAL?” asked the Velveteen Rabbit one day, when they were lying side by side near the nursery fender, before Nana came to tidy the room.

“Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out-handle?”

“Real isn’t how you are made,” said the Skin Horse. “It’s a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real.”

“Does it hurt?” asked the Velveteen Rabbit.

“Sometimes,” said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. “When you are Real you don’t mind being hurt.”

Margery Williams  
from *The Velveteen Rabbit*.

**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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## Service for the Lord's Day

### Gathering Around the Word of God

#### Welcome and Life of the Church

**Prelude:** *Salut d'Amour*

*Phil Hilson, violin*

Edwin Elgar

**Introit #292:** *As the Wind Song*

Swee Hong Lee

#### † Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**All: slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Leader: Our faith depends upon the grace of God.

**All: Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.**

† **Hymn of Praise #286:** *Breath on Me, Breath of God*

#### Call to Confession

##### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

God of amazing compassion, lover of our wayward race, you bring to birth a pilgrim people, and call us to be a blessing for ourselves and all the world. We pray for grace to take your generous gift and step with courage on this holy path, confident in the radiant life that is your plan for us, made known and given in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:** *Eternal Life*

Craig Courtney

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, His one and only Son.  
For God sent not His Son to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,  
that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
For God so loved the world. Amen.

#### 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:** Genesis 12:1-4a (p. 8)

**Sermon Lesson:** John 3:1-17 (p. 751)

**Sermon:** "How can this be?"

Rev. Lauren Suba

#### Responding to the Word of God

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

† **Hymn of Affirmation #769:** *For Everyone Born*

#### Offering Our Gifts to God

**Offertory Music:** *Savior Like a Shepherd*

arr. Kholman

† **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 #486:** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

#### † 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:** *Minuet*

J. S. Bach