

†**Response #43** (refrain): *On Eagle's Wings*

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.

Michael Joncas

†**Postlude:** *Prelude in C*

Johann Pachelbel

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2016

10:30 am

Lord, you placed me in the world to be its salt.
I was afraid of committing myself, afraid of being stained by the world.
I did not want to here what 'they' might say. And my salt dissolved as if in water.
Forgive me, Jesus.

Lord, you placed me in the world to be its light.
I was afraid of the shadows, afraid of the poverty.
I did not want to know other people. And my light slowly faded away.
Forgive me, Jesus.

Lord, you placed me in the world to live in community.
Thus you taught me to love, to share in life, to struggle for bread and for justice,
your truth incarnate in my life.
So be it, Jesus.

Peggy M de Cuehlo, Uruguay

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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: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J. S. Bach

Introit #519: *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

Dennis Jernigan

† Call to Worship:

Leader: Stand firm in the word of the Lord.

All: Let us call on God, our help.

Leader: Continue in the truth of the gospel.

All: Let us pray and not lose heart.

† **Hymn of Praise #667:** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. You call us to study the Scriptures, but we are easily distracted. You ask us to be persistent in prayer, but we are quickly discouraged. Forgive us, God of grace. Write your Word in our hearts, so that we may truly know you and joyfully serve you; through 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.
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love."

Anthem: *Drink From The Well Of Life*

Matthew Armstrong

Drink from the well of life.

Let your thirst be quenched by the precious blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Drink from the well of life.

The well that never shall run dry, drink from the well of life.

"I am the way; I am the truth and the life;

I am thy rock, thy salvation.

I am eternal life."

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 32:22-31 (p. 25)

Sermon Lesson: Luke 18:1-8 (p. 742)

Sermon: "When We Struggle with God and Humans"

Rev. Rodwell Thom

Responding to the Word of God

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

† **Hymn of Affirmation #688:** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart.*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Be Thou My Vision*

Gordon Young

† **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 #175:** *Seek Ye First.*

† **Benediction**