

† **Benediction**

† **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:** *How Firm a Foundation*

Emma Lou Diemer

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 11, 2016

10:30 am

We have learned from you that we should treat others  
as we would have others treat us.  
Why is this one of the most difficult lessons in all  
of life for us to comprehend?  
We continue to withhold love.  
We deny mercy.  
We steel ourselves against compassion.  
Most of us will one day grow old, God.  
Will we then be treated with love, mercy, and compassion?

Malcolm Boyd, United States

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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:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

FPC Handbells

**Introit #635:** *Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord*

Jacques Berthier

#### † Call to Worship:

Leader: Like a woman who finds a missing coin,

**All: God rejoices in our salvation.**

Leader: Like a shepherd who finds a lost sheep,

**All: God rejoices in bringing us home.**

† **Hymn of Praise #619:** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven.*

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. You search for us, like lost sheep, but we pretend not to hear your voice. You treasure us, like lost coins, but we spend our lives in foolish ways. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to repent and return to you, so that we may join the joyful feast of redemption and restoration; 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.  
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**Anthem:** *Christ Be In Our Loving*

Bob Burroughs

Handbell Choir and Phil Hilson, Violin

Teacher, preacher, servant, leader, God has given gifts, and grace and faith.

Christ be in our loving, our giving and our living.

Christ, be in our lifestyle. Make us humble and forgiving.

Turn from evil, cling to goodness. Cheerfully give gifts from God and us.

Christ be in our loving, our giving and our living.

Christ, be in our lifestyle. Make us humble and forgiving.

Let our living and our loving give to those in need our help, our hope.

Christ be in our loving, our giving and our living.

Christ, be in our lifestyle. Make us humble and forgiving.

Christ be in our loving.

#### 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:** Psalm 84 (p. 420)

**Sermon Lesson:** Luke 15:1-10 (p. 740)

**Sermon:** "Humility, Wholeness, and Home"

Rev. Jim Currie

#### Responding to the Word of God

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

† **Hymn of Affirmation #418:** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

#### Offering Our Gifts to God

**Offertory Music:** *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

H. Hopson

† **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 #802:** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*