

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2015

10:30 am

For the life that was in the beginning
and is now
thanks be to you, O God.
For the life that is now
and will always be
thanks be to you.
For those who have gone before me
and the men and women of every nation,
for the vitality of children
and earth's life-forms still to be born
thanks be to you.
In this great river of life
that flows behind me and before me
let me know that I am carried by you.
In this great river of life
that flows around me and through me
let me know that I carry you
and can reverence you in all that has life.

(from J. Philip Newell's *Sounds of the Eternal*, p. 64)



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Leading in Worship Today..

The Rev. Jim Currie Preaching
Donna Wallace, Liturgist
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Martha Braswell, Organist
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual Ministry



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Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering Around the Word of God

The prayer on the back of the bulletin is intended to help people prepare for worship.

Welcome and Life of the Church

Minute for Mission

Introit #627: *I Love You, Lord*

Laurie Klein

Prelude: *Pastorale on the 23rd Psalm*

Jacobus Kloppers

† Call to Worship:

Leader: People of God, whom will you serve?

All: As for this house, we will serve the Lord.

Leader: Where else can we turn? To whom can we go?

All: Jesus alone has the words of eternal life.

† **Hymn of Praise #267:** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to love and serve you, yet we choose false and empty idols. You call us to new life in Christ, yet we turn aside and fall back in fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us, by your Word and Spirit, the wisdom and strength to love and serve you faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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) #580**

† **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Chancel Time with Children - Blessing of the Backpacks

"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: *With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord has delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

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: Ephesians 6:10-20 (p. 830)

Sermon Lesson: Psalm 84 (p. 420)

Sermon: "Home"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

† **Hymn of Affirmation #402:** *How Lovely, Lord*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Improvisation*

† **Doxology #609:** *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 #307:** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

† **Benediction**

† **Response #600:** *Amen*

Nelsie T. Johnson

† **Postlude:** *Toccata*

Gordon Young