

Sealing the Word of God

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking, Pouring, Sharing

(Please note during The Lord's Supper both wine and grape juice are served. To distinguish between the two, the wine is red and the grape juice is white.)

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Taking the Word of God into the World

† **Hymn of Inspiration #353:** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

† **Benediction**

† **Response #750:** *Goodness is Stronger than Evil* John L. Bell, text by Desmond Tutu

† **Postlude:** *Fantasia*

J. S. Bach

In the silence of the morning
I am alive to the new days's light,
alert to the early stirrings of the wind
and the first sounds of the creatures.
In the silence of my heart
I hear the yearnings that are in me and the fears,
the hopes that rise from within
and the doubts that trouble my soul.
In the beginnings of this day, O God,
before the night's stillness is lost to the day's busyness,
open to me the treasure of my inner being
that in the midst of this day's busyness I may
draw on wisdom.
Assure me again of my origins in you,
assure me again that my true depths are of
you.

(from J. Philip Newell's *Sounds of the Eternal*,
p. 14)

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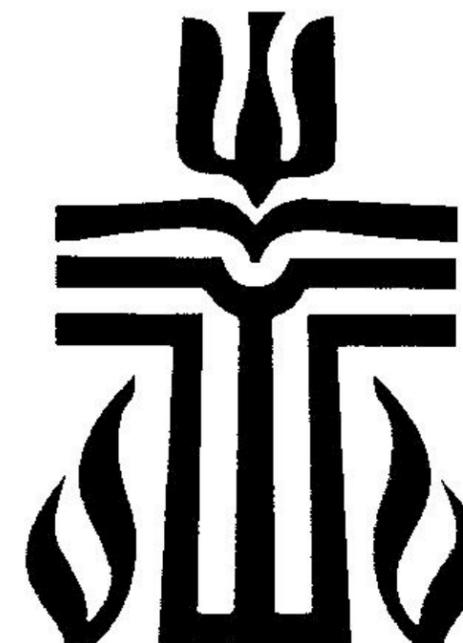
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First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2015

10:30 am



Leading in Worship Today..

The Rev. Jim Currie Preaching
David Brakebill, Liturgist
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Martha Braswell, Organist
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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

Prelude: *Meditation from Thais* arr. Hustad
Margaret Bardin piano & Martha Braswell, organ

Introit #72: *By the Babylonian Rivers* Geoffrey Laycock
For the world's refugees

†Call to Worship:

Leader: Who will be first in the kingdom of God?

All: The one who is last and servant of all.

Leader: Who will be great in the realm of heaven?

All: The one who comes as a humble child.

†Hymn of Praise #310: *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace. We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and least. Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day with the wisdom of your Word, and teach us how to serve you; 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

"Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
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Anthem: *In Remembrance*

Buryl Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread,

In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.

In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted.

Drink, and remember, too,

that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.

In remembrance of me always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart.

Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

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: Acts 17:16-31 (p. 785)

Sermon Lesson: Psalm 137 (p.444)

Sermon: "Athens and Jerusalem"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

†Hymn of Affirmation #517: *Here, O Our Lord, We See You*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Margaret Bardin piano & Martha Braswell, organ

arr. Hustad

†Doxology #609: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†Prayer of Dedication