

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

† **Hymn of Affirmation #510:** *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music:** *Romanza*

Ralph V. Williams

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

† **Prayer of Dedication**

**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 #770:** *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*

† **Benediction**

† **Response #456:** *Listen, God Is Calling*

Austin C. Lovelace

† **Postlude:** *The Morning Trumpet*

Robert Powell

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

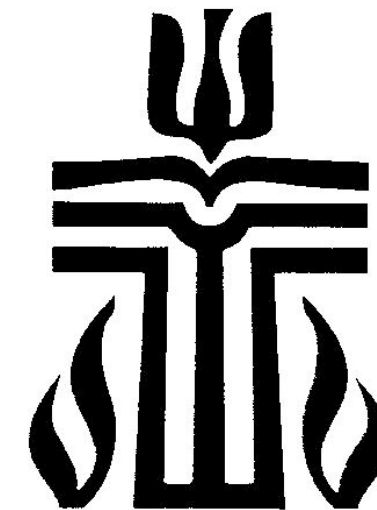
*Second Sunday in Lent*

February 21, 2016

10:30 am

Great and good God,  
give us pure hearts that we may see you,  
humble hearts that we may hear you,  
hearts of love that we may serve you,  
hearts of faith that we may live in you,  
reverent hearts that we may worship you,  
here and in the world out there,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961)*



Leading in Worship Today..

Rev. Jim Currie Preaching  
Jim Keith, Liturgist  
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
Martha Braswell, Organ  
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual Ministry



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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:** *Martyrdom*

Healey Willan

**Introit #418:** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

Will L. Thompson

#### † Call to Worship:

Leader: As Jesus wept for Jerusalem,

**All: our hearts also break for all creation and humanity.**

Leader: As citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives,

**All: we eagerly wait for his return.**

#### † Hymn of Praise #307: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We put our trust in wicked leaders and reject the prophets you send. We prosper as friends of the empire and live as enemies of your cross. Forgive us, God of grace. Cast out the demons within us. Cure the evil in our hearts. Continue the work you have begun in us; 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: *Love Lifted Me*

Joseph M. Martin

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,  
Oh, very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more.  
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
Oh, from the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

Souls in danger look above, Jesus completely saves;  
Oh, He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;  
Yes, He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;  
Oh, He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me!

#### Proclaiming the Word of God

#### Prayer for Illumination #466: *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

**First Lesson:** Psalm 27 (p. 393)

**Sermon Lesson:** Luke 14:15-24 (p. 739)

**Sermon:** "RSVP"

Rev. Jim Currie

#### Responding to the Word of God

#### † Affirmation of Faith—A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.