

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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 #415:** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: Chorale Prelude on *Rathbun*

Charales Cooke

† **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 #216:** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

† Benediction

† **Response #799:** *I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry*

arr. Richard Smallwood

† **Postlude:** *Prelude in D Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016

10:30 am

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten.
Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted.
Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been
stubborn in the face of correction.
Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to
boast of your works.
Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself.
Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided.
Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown to myself.
Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole.

-A Celtic Prayer



Leading in Worship Today..

Rev. Jim Currie Preaching
Holly Liechty, 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: *Beautiful Saviour*

David N. Johnson

Introit #794: *O Saviour, In This Quiet Place*

William Jones

† Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus taught the marginalized, the sinners, the broken,

All: and loved them as his children.

Leader: Even when we are proud, negligent, prodigal,

All: Christ loves us as his own.

† Hymn of Praise #386: *Come, Worship God*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We take your blessing for granted and squander our inheritance. We boast of our good works and resent your great mercy to others. Forgive us, God of grace. Let us no longer be lost in our sin. Help us to find our way home to you, where you welcome us with open arms; 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.
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love."

Anthem: *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

arr. David Lantz III

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.
I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

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 32 (p. 395)

Sermon Lesson: Luke 18:9-14 (p.742)

Sermon: "Empty Hands"

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 the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,