

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

† **Hymn of Inspiration #370:** *This Is My Father's World*

† **Benediction**

† **Response #589:** *Alleluia*

† **Postlude:** *I Vow to Thee from Jupiter*

Honduran Melody

Gustav Holtz

First Presbyterian Church
of Pasadena

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

Take, Lord, all my liberty.
Receive my memory, my understanding and my will.
Whatever I have and possess you have given to me;
to you I restore it wholly, and to your will
I utterly surrender it for your direction.
Give me the love of yourself only;
with your grace I am rich enough;
nor ask I anything beside.

St. Ignatius Loyola

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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: *Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

Introit #404: *What Is This Place*

Bernard Huijbers

† Call to Worship:

Leader: God is making all things new.

All: The thirsty receive the water of life.

Leader: The Holy Spirit fell upon Peter.

All: God gives all the repentance that leads to life.

Leader: Jesus has given us a new commandment.

All: We will love one another as Christ loved us.

† **Hymn of Praise #81:** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You show your love for us in Jesus, but we fail to love one another. You give us freedom in the Spirit, but we deny the freedom of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to learn and keep your new commandment of love so that all will know we are yours; 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: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

arr. Jack Schrader

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I Am," while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on,
I'll sing on!

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: John 15:1-11 (p. 764)

Sermon Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6 (p.878)

Sermon: "Good News for a Weary World"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

† **Hymn of Affirmation #79:** *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Panis Angelicus*

Caesar Franck

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

† **Prayer of Dedication**