

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

10:30 am

Behold Lord,
An empty vessel that needs to be filled.
My Lord, fill it.
I am weak in faith;
Strengthen me.
I am cold in love;
Warm me and make me fervent,
That my love may go out to my neighbor.
I do not have a strong and firm faith;
At times I doubt and am unable to trust you.
O Lord, help me.
Strengthen my faith,
And my trust in you.

Martin Luther



Leading in Worship Today...

Rev. Jim Currie Preaching
Bill Welch, Liturgist
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Martha Braswell, Organ

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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: *Clair de lune*

Phil Hilson, Violin

Claude Debussy

Introit #633: *Praise Ye the Lord*

J. Jefferson Cleveland

† Call to Worship:

Leader: We worship the Lord God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

All: Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

Leader: We worship Jesus Christ, a radical healer.

All: Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

Leader: We worship the Holy Spirit, the teacher of peace.

All: Let all the peoples praise the Lord!

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You are faithful in your promise, but we fail to keep your word. You offer us the gift of peace, but we remain captive in our fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon us, heal our troubled hearts, and lead us to walk in your light; 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) #581

† 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: *Covenant Prayer*

Allen Pote

Lord, make me what you will, I put myself into your hands.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you.

Lord, make me what you will. I will no longer be my own
Let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing.

Lord, I freely and with a willing heart, give it all to you, to your pleasure,
your pleasure and disposal, Lord.
Make me what you will.

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 5:1-9 (p. 753)

Sermon Lesson: Acts 16:6-15 (p.784)

Sermon: "A Slight Change in Plans"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

† Hymn of Affirmation #733: *We All Are One in Mission*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *My Shepherd Will Provide*

arr. J. Stanton

† 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 #295: *Go to the World!*

† Benediction

† Response #635: *Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord*

Jacques Berthier

† Postlude: *Trumpet Tune*

arr. Drummond Wolf