

An open space for your thoughts and reflections....

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2016

10:30 am

Glory be to you, O God,
for the rising of the sun,
for colour filling the skies and for the whiteness of daylight.
Glory be to you for creatures stirring forth from the night,
for plant forms stretching and unfolding,
for the stable earth and its solid rocks.
Glory be to you for the beauty of your image
waking in opening eyes, lighting the human countenance.
Glory be to you. Glory be to you.
But where the glistening is lost sight of,
where life's colours are dulled and the human soul grows hard,
I pray for grace this day,
I pray for your softening graces.

Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter

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Leading in Worship Today..

Rev. Jim Currie Preaching
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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: *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

Margaret Bardin & Martha Braswell

David Paxton

† Call to Worship:

Leader: Ask and it will be given to you,

All: search and you will surely find.

Leader: Knock and the door will be opened,

All: for the Lord our God is faithful.

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

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You claim us as your own people, but we forsake your holy covenant. You offer us the gift of prayer, but we forget to lift our hearts to you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to live our lives in Christ, rooted and grounded in our faith and growing each day in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

#71: Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me (refrain only)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

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."

Special Music: *I Will Worship*

Holly Liechty, Clay Covington, & Donna Morrison

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 2:1-13 (p. 771)

Sermon Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9 (p. 7)

Sermon: "Communication or Communion?"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

† Hymn of Affirmation #833: *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: Coro from *Water Music*

Margaret Bardin & Martha Braswell

G. F. Handel

† 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 #462: *I Love to Tell the Story*

† Benediction

† Response #43 (refrain): *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of his hand.

† Postlude: Allegro Maestoso from *Water Music*

G. F. Handel