

Taking the Word of God into the World

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

† **Hymn of Inspiration #719:** *Come, Labor On*

† **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:** *Postlude in C*

arr. Gordon Young

First Presbyterian Church
of Pasadena

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2016

10:30 am

O Creator and Mighty God,
you have promised

strength for the weak,
rest for the labourers,
light for the way,
grace for the trials,
help from above,
unfailing sympathy,
undying love.

O Creator and Mighty God,
help us to continue in your promise.

Unknown, Pakistan

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Leading in Worship Today...

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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: *Aria*

Paul Manz

Introit #628: *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

Claude Fraysee

†Call to Worship:

Leader: O Lord, you search us and know us;

All: we praise you, O God, our Maker.

Leader: You are the potter, we are the clay;

All: we are the work of your hands.

†**Hymn of Praise #610:** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We follow the advice of the wicked and scoff at those who do good. We make plans we cannot complete and promises we will not fulfill. Forgive us, God of grace. Refresh and renew our hearts, so that we may seek your will and do all the good we can; 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."

Anthem: *Neighbors*

Melody from Ghana arr. Austin C. Lovelace

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet.

Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race.

Neighbors are nearby and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love.

All men are neighbors to us and to you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves.

This is the way we should live with you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (p. 819)

Sermon Lesson: Luke 14:25-33 (p. 739)

Sermon: "What Did You Expect?"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

†**Hymn of Affirmation #223:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

arr. Gordon Young

†**Doxology #606:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†**Prayer of Dedication**