

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 22, 2018

10:30 am

**Mission Statement:**

**“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”**



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Lord, help me this day to slow down.

It will not be easy for you - even you - to slow me down for I seem caught in the traffic-rush of life.

I rush through my prayers, hurry through my meals and run from one thing to another.

But I have faith that my choices and your graces together can change my racetrack style of life.

I know, Lord, even before you whisper it in my ear, that you are waiting for me in the slower, quieter things of life.

Teach me, Lord of Life, how to eat my food with awareness; show me how to walk deliberately rather than to run constantly, how to truly visit and be present rather than merely exchanging words.

Help me, Divine Friend, to take my time in praying to you.

Show me that it is good just to “waste” time with you just enjoying a sunset or a friendship.

With your presence and assistance, I will attempt to do all things with mindfulness: slowly, carefully and fully aware of what I am doing.

Then, with your grace, I shall find you, my God, in those unhurried and mindful moments.

**Amen (said very slowly).**

*Edward Hays from Pray All Ways*

**Leading in Worship Today**

Rev. Dr. James Currie, Preaching  
Margaret Bardin, Liturgist  
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
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Jamie Taylor, Handbell Director  
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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:** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. Dick Wall  
Handbells: Jamie Taylor, Amber Pendleton, Clay Covington, and James Taylor

**†Call to Worship:**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: In Christ we are no longer strangers;

**All: we are members of the household of God.**

**†Hymn of Praise: #612** *We Praise You, O God*

**Call to Confession**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You claim us as beloved children, but we do not honor your name. You call us to paths of righteousness, but we fail to follow your way. Forgive us, God of grace. Break down the walls that divide us from you and from one another, and build us up into a holy temple; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Silent Confession**

**Liturgist:** Amen

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am (x 2)

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take, O Take Me as I Am'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef, with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics 'Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall' are written below the notes. The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef, with the same time signature and key signature. The lyrics 'be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.' are written below the notes. The score is for a two-part setting, likely for voice and piano or guitar.

**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.  
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**Anthem:** *El Shaddai*

Michael J. Card / John W Thompson

Donna Morrison, Robin Dunn, Steve Haskins

*Dedicated to Pat McPhail*

El shaddai, el shaddai, El-elyon na adonia, Age to age you're still the same, By the power of the name.

El shaddai, el shaddai, Erkamka na adonai, We will praise and lift you high, El shaddai.

Through your love and through the ram, You saved the son of Abraham;

Through the power of your hand, Turned the sea into dry land.

To the outcast on her knees, You were the God who really sees,

And by your might, You set your children free.

El shaddai, el shaddai, El-elyon na adonia, Age to age you're still the same, By the power of the name.

El shaddai, el shaddai, Erkamka na adonai, We will praise and lift you high, El shaddai.

Through the years you've made it clear, That the time of Christ was near,

Though the people couldn't see What Messiah ought to be.

Though your word contained the plan, They just could not understand

Your most awesome work was done Through the frailty of your Son.

El shaddai, el shaddai, El-elyon na adonai, Age to age you're still the same, By the power of the name.

El shaddai, el shaddai, Erkamka na adonai, I will praise yo 'till I die, El shaddai.

El shaddai, el shaddai, El-elyon na adonai, Age to age you're still the same, By the power of the name.

El shaddai, el shaddai, Erkamka na adonai, I will praise you 'till I die. El shaddai.

**Prayer for Illumination: #288** *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**First Lesson:** II Samuel 7:1-14a (p. 219)

**Sermon Lesson:** Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (p. 712)

**Sermon:** "Are We There Yet?"

Rev. Jim Currie

**Responding to the Word of God**

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

**†Hymn of Affirmation: #320** *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music:** *Largo in G*

Handel/Bish

**†Doxology: #606** *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: #719** *Come, Labor On*

**†Benediction**

**†Response: #746** *Send Me, Jesus*

South African folk tune

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

Lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Jesus; lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Jesus; fill me, Lord.

**†Postlude:** *God's Time is the Best*

J.S. Bach