



Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Organ Voluntary *Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA, arr. Douglas Court

Noah Adams, trumpet

Introit #406 *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

HOLY GROUND

†Call to Worship

Barbara Davis

One: We gather to praise and worship God, the one who created us for love.

All: We gather to worship the true vine, the one in whose love we abide.

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

†Hymn #22 *God of the Sparrow*

ROEDER

God of the sparrow. God of the whale. God of the swirling stars.
How does the creature say Awe. How does the creature say Praise.

God of the earthquake. God of the storm. God of the trumpet blast.
How does the creature cry Woe. How does the creature cry Save.

God of the rainbow. God of the cross. God of the empty grave.
How does the creature say Grace. How does the creature say Thanks.

God of the hungry. God of the sick. God of the prodigal.
How does the creature say Care. How does the creature say Life.

God of the neighbor. God of the foe. God of the pruning hook.
How does the creature say Love. How does the creature say Peace.

God of the ages. God near at hand. God of the loving heart.
How do your children say Joy. How do your children say Home.

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and bound to one another by your spirit. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.***

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Anthem *I Will Clap My Hands*

Joseph M. Martin

I will clap my hands in the presence of the Lord.
I will clap my hands, make a joyful noise.
I will clap my hands in the presence of the Lord.
I will clap in the presence of the Lord.

Let praises overflow and let the whole world know the glory due our Maker's name.
Declare His awesome might, your praises lift on high, and let your hands His praise proclaim.

Clap your hands, clap your hands, all people clap!
All ye people, clap your hands.

I will clap my hands in the presence of the Lord.
I will clap my hands, make a joyful noise.
I will clap my hands in the presence of the Lord.
I will clap in the presence of the Lord.
Clap your hands!

New Testament Reading John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Sermon "*The Growing Season*"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

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

†Hymn #42 *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*

WINCHESTER NEW

*Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure in all your words, your gracious deeds;
you gently lift all burdened souls and well provide for all our needs.*

*The eyes of all are fixed on you; by you their wants are all supplied;
your open hand is bountiful and every soul is satisfied.*

*Lord, you are just in all your ways, and kind in everything you do;
forever near you stand to hear and help all those who call on you.*

*My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my soul shall bless your holy name;
let all things living join the song of praise, from age to age the same.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory *Andante from Concerto in E Flat Major*
Noah Adams, trumpet

J. F. Haydn

†Doxology #606

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

†Charge and Benediction

†Response #647 *Give Thanks*

Henry Smith

Postlude *Thine is The Glory*

G. F. Handel, arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace and John Head
Noah Adams, trumpet

†Please stand in body or spirit

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Worship Ministry in gratitude for those who keep our church grounds and building 'decent and in good order'!



Worship in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at fpcpasadena.org.

FPC Sunday School: All classes except Men's Bible Study begin at 9 am.

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study**—8:45 am in the Library. Led by Mark Corder.
- **Stepping Out in Faith**—Bride's Room & Zoom (*contact Bonnie Keith for the Zoom link*). Pat Abrams leads the current study of *Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8. Mark Clemmons leads the current study of the book *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice* by Dr. Scott Black Johnston.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilcrest.
- **6th-12th grade** led by James Jackson and Brian Davis meets in Room #10.



Drop by the Fellowship Hall after Sunday School or before worship for fellowship, a cup of coffee, and possibly a 'treat'...10-10:30 every Sunday morning.

Reminder: DEACONS meet today after worship in Room #10.

BROWN BAG & BIBLE returns to their regular schedule this Wednesday, May 1, at Noon.

Update: Worship Ministry moved their May meeting to tomorrow, April 29, 7 pm on Zoom.

BRUNCH & BOOK GROUP — meets **next** on Saturday morning, May 18, 10-Noon in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the book **Tom Lake, by Ann Patchett**. Look for the flyer of upcoming books in the hallway.

*Next Sunday is 1st Sunday Lunch, May 5, with a Cinco de Mayo potluck theme!
Bring your favorite Cinco de Mayo themed dish to the May/Mayo potluck to share.
¡Delicioso!*

The Mo-Ranch Women's Conference will be June 7-9. The theme this year is Getting to the Good Part! Weaving Community in Christ, based on Luke 10:38-42. The cost per person will be \$425. If you are interested in going, please contact Bonnie Keith. Carpooling can be arranged. For more information, go to: <https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/womens-conference/>.

Taco and a Prayer — Thursday, May 16, 2024. Free breakfast tacos and verbal prayers are offered in a "drive-thru experience" in the church parking lot from **6:30 -9:30 am**. Cooking team starts at 5:30 am. Prayer team at 6:30 am. Help is welcome!

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Kay Goates; Mary & Rex Knapik; Mike & Susan Wallace; Margaret Bardin; Barbara Chitwood; Emma Abrams; Maurice Barclay; Pat Pesl; Kay Hutson; Brad Stratton; Imelda Carrillo; Anne Berridge; Corrie Martinez, friend of Richard Heath; Patricia Roberts, John Griswold's sister; Scott Bash; Akilah Woods, friend of Samantha Cayton; Bill Myers, friend of John and Liz Griswold; Scott Moelman, Lou Anne Sinor's nephew; Sherry Sinor, the Sinor's daughter-in-law; Leah Slaven; Deborah Gaskins, Joan Gibertini's daughter; Ukraine and the Middle East.

Sunday, April 28	Sunday School-Men's Class—Library	8:45 am	
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am	
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am	
	Worship	10:30 am	
	Deacon's Meeting— #10	11:30 am	
	Handbell Practice— #11	12:15 pm	
	Private/DAR—Oasis	2-4:30 pm	
	Ministerio Corban—FH	4-8:30 pm	
	Monday, April 29	Worship Ministry—Zoom	7:00 pm
	Tuesday, April 30	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
Floor Yoga—FH		6:15 pm	
Wednesday, May 1	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am	
	Brown Bag & Bible—FH	12:00 pm	
	Prayer Shawl— #10 and Zoom	1:00 pm	
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm	
	Ministerio Corban—FH	7-10:00 pm	
Thursday, May 2	Men's Breakfast—Frank's	7:30 am	
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	11:00 am	
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm	
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm	
	Chain Stitchers— #9	6:00 pm	
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm	
	Sunday, May 5	Sunday School-Men's Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am	
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am	
	Worship Service	10:30 am	
	1st Sunday Lunch—Cinco de Mayo potluck theme	11:30 am	
	Handbell Practice— #11	12:15 pm	
	Ministerio Corban—FH	4-8:30 pm	

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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