

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Minute for Mission**

*Peace and Global Witness Offering*

Karen Taylor

**Passing the Peace of Christ****Organ Voluntary** *God of Grace*

CWM Rhondda, arr. Paul Manz

**Introit** *O Be Joyful in the Lord*

Hal H. Hopson

**†Call to Worship**

Laura Phipps

One: We will sing to God and bless God's name forever and ever.

**All: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

One: We will declare God's mighty acts and celebrate God's abundant goodness.

**All: Let us worship, singing of God's righteousness.**

**†Hymn #475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

*Ushers will collect yellow Prayer Request cards.*

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show. Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us know that we all are in need of your grace and help us rejoice and gratefully receive and show your mercy.**

**(Silent Confession)**

## Assurance of Pardon

### †Gloria Patri #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament Reading Psalm 105:1-6

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

### Anthem *How Beautiful Upon the Mountains*

John Carter

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who brings good tidings,  
who brings words of peace and salvation.  
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who brings good tidings of peace.*

*Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,  
For the Lord has comforted his people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.*

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who brings good tidings,  
who brings words of peace and salvation.  
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who brings good tidings of peace.*

### New Testament Reading Matthew 20:1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

### Sermon “*Offending Grace*”

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

### †Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed (p. 35)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

†Hymn #649 *Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home  
The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.  
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Cappy Phipps

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

Lasst uns mit Jesu ziehen, arr. Paul Manz

†Doxology

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.  
  
Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.  
  
Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey  
.May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

†**Charge and Benediction**

†**Response** *Amen in D*

**Postlude** *Postlude in C Major*

Hal H. Hopson

Arthur Foote

*The Postlude is given as an offering to God. Please remain seated.  
If you wish to express appreciation, please do so by saying "Amen."*

†*Please stand in body or spirit*

*Flowers* today are given to the *glory of God* by Steve and Rhonda Haskins in celebration of our wedding anniversary and our daughter's marriage.

**Worship** in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream can be found at [fpcpasadena.org](http://fpcpasadena.org).

#### FPC Sunday School Fall Schedule @ 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 *Reading for the Love of God: How to Read as a Spiritual Practice* by Jessica Hooten Wilson.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- **6th-12th grade** led by James Jackson and Brian Davis meets in Room #10.
- **Confirmation**—Oasis, Room #12. Led by Rev. Fair and Tom Swan.

**Fellowship @ 10 am each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.** Drop in for a quick hello and a cup of coffee!

**Called Congregational Meeting:** The session has called a meeting for next week, **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, after Worship to act on the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee to elect officers proposed for the Class of 2026.

**Young at Heart Field Trip** — Reserved spots for the October 6<sup>th</sup> trip to Schulenberg and The Painted Churches are almost full. Alternates will be taken. See Ruth Askine for more details. 281-515-9248.

**85<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee** ~ A most enthusiastic group met on September 13 under the awesome leadership of Natica Dickman. Join us for the next meeting on **Wednesday, October 18 at 6 pm**, in Rm #10.

**Save the Date-October 28! The Quilts for Veterans Project** has begun! Red, white, and blue fabric is being purchased in preparation for all Quilters, Sewers, Snippers, etc... to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a full day of cutting, sewing, snipping, and quilting Quilts for Veterans. Watch the bulletin for more details. Contact Donna Gilchrest at 281-830-3176 for more information.

**Greeters are needed every Sunday in the Narthex** at the greeting table to ensure all who walk through our doors feel welcomed. See Imelda Carrillo for questions and tell her your availability. Thank you!

**Barnabas Cards** —The Greek boy's name Barnabas means "son of encouragement." In the Bible, Barnabas was a disciple known for his mentoring and support. The **orange cards** in the pew racks are for you to write a '**note of encouragement**' to someone. FPC will stamp, address, and mail your card! (*Please add an address if the recipient is not a member.*)



The next **Kairos** weekend at the Carol Vance Unit is **October 20-22**. There are many ways you can support this life-changing ministry: (1) **Bake cookies** - no nuts or fruit - and place them in the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen before October 18. (2) **Write letters** of encouragement to participants before October 9. (3) Sign up on the **prayer chain list**. (4) **Decorate** placemats or sacks. (5) **Donate** to the cost of the weekend. (6) **Attend** the closing meeting at Carol Vance Unit. See Mark Corder or Margaret Bardin and visit the Kairos table in the Narthex for more details.

**Shoebboxes** are needed: PW will be packing Christmas boxes for seafarers in early October. If you have any regular adult sized shoebboxes that you won't be filling yourself, please leave them in the library.

#### Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

**Health concerns:** Amber Pendleton; Bruce Walters; Imelda Carrillo's granddaughter, Lauren Ware; Imelda Carrillo's friend, Alice Ramirez; Frank & Glenda Kucera; Corrie Martinez, friend of Richard Heath; Leah Slaven; Maurice Barclay; Dee Lowery's friend, Yvonne McArthur; Kay Goates; Don Christopher; Frank Kucera's son, Christopher; Dolores Thacker's son, James Thacker; Emma Abrams; Pat Pesl; Joan Gibertini's daughter, Deborah Gaskins; Mike & Susan Wallace; Kay Hutson; Brad Stratton; Mary & Rex Knapik; Imelda Carrillo; those who are homebound; Ukraine; Baywood Crossing.

Sunday, Sept 24	Sunday School—Men’s Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Confirmation Class—Oasis	9:00 am
	Fellowship @ 10—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	<b>Private/FH—Ministerio Corban</b>	<b>4-8:30 pm</b>
Tuesday, Sept 26	Prayer Shawl—#10 and Zoom	1:30 pm
	Yoga-Chair—FH	5:00 pm
	Yoga-Floor—FH	6:15 pm
Wednesday, Sept 27	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Sept 28	Men’s Breakfast at Frank’s	7:30 am
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	11:00 am
	Chain Stitchers—#9	12:00 pm
	Yoga-Chair—FH	5:00 pm
	<b>Private Meeting—Library</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
Saturday, Sept 30	Yoga-Floor—FH	6:15 pm
	Men’s Breakfast—FH	8:00 am
Sunday, Oct 1	<b>World Communion Sunday</b>	
	Sunday School—Men’s Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Confirmation Class—Oasis	9:00 am
	Fellowship @ 10—FH	10:00 am
	Worship Service	10:30 am
	Congregational Meeting	11:30 am
	First Sunday Lunch —FH	11:45 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	<b>Private/FH—Ministerio Corban</b>	<b>4-8:30 pm</b>

### 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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#### **Leading in Worship Today**

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