

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair

Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it to others seated on your pew. If you have a prayer request, complete a yellow prayer card. Ushers will collect them during the opening hymn.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Prelude

Easter from Five Mystical Songs

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Marilyn Wilkins, soprano

†Call to Worship

One: To God's name give glory!

All: **Worship God for the sake of God's steadfast love and faithfulness.**

One: Trust in the Lord!

All: **God is our help and our shield.**

†Hymn #321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

Prayer of Confession

O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself, to give new life to us all. Still, we have trouble trusting your promise of peace. Still, we do not follow in the way of your love. Forgive us when we fail to be people of resurrection. Forgive us when we fail to recognize your grace. Continue to work within us that our lives may reflect your righteousness and mercy. (Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

†Response #248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (verse 2)

HYMN TO JOY

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

Anthem

Hallelujah

Lyrics Kelley Mooney, arr. James F. Rickle

*A crown of thorns placed on His head, He knew that He would soon be dead,
He said, "Did you forget me, Father did you"?
They nailed Him to a wooden cross, soon all the world would feel the loss,
Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

*He hung His head and prepared to die, then lifted His face up to the sky,
Said, "I am coming home now Father to you".
A reed which held His final sip was gently lifted to His lips.
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

*The soldier who had used his sword to pierce the body of our Lord,
Said, "truly this is Jesus Christ our Savior".
He looked with fear upon his sword then turned to face his Christ and Lord,
Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

*Took from His head the thorny crown and wrapped Him in a linen gown,
And laid Him down to rest inside the tomb.
The holes in His hands, His feet and side, now in our heart we know He died,
To save us from ourselves, oh Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

*Three days went by again they came, to move the stone to bless the slain,
With oil and spice anointing Hallelujah.
But as they went to move the stone, they saw that they were not alone,
But Jesus Christ has risen, Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-4, 41-47

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

†Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

†Hymn #291

Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."*

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand; and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.*

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.*

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

Laudation

Gilbert Martin

†Doxology #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (verse 4)

EASTER HYMN

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #310

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

*I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.*

*I love thy church, O God. Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.*

*For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.*

*Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways:
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.*

*Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven*

†Charge and Benediction

†Response

Amen in B flat

Hal H. Hopson

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

Gilbert Martin

†Please stand in body or spirit.

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.”

Leading in Worship Today

Rev. David Fletcher, Preacher
 Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Liturgist
 Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
 Ron Ollis, Organist
 Barry Webb, Audio-Visual
 Yulissa Delgado, Nursery Attendant

FPC Elders
Class of 2025
 Roy Kreitz
 James Jackson
 Pat McPhail
 Laura Phipps
Class of 2026
 Betsy Marlow
 Sarah Brown
 Jason Reed
 Barry Webb
Class of 2027
 Brett Coe
 Kashif Dean
 Nancy Saldivar
 Milo Wharry

FPC Deacons
Class of 2025
 Imelda Carrillo
 Cappy Phipps
 Liz Reed
 Karen Schimnowski
Class of 2026
 Samantha Cayton
 David Kirkpatrick
 Claudia Kreitz
 Dolores Thacker
Class of 2027
 Lavinia Brown
 Shannon English
 Carol Parks
 Karen Taylor

Sunday, May 11	Happy Mother’s Day	
	Sunday School/Men’s Class—Library	8:45 am
	Sunday School/All Ages	9:00 am
	Worship Service—Rev. David Fletcher	10:30 am
	Discipleship—Library	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
Monday, May 12	Mission & Outreach—Library	1:00 pm
Tuesday, May 13	PW Joint Birthday Lunch—FH	10:00 am
	Chair Yoga—Narthex	5:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—Narthex	6:15 pm
	PW Night Circle—FH	6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 14	Brown Bag & Bible—FH	12:00 pm
	Prayer Shawl—#10 & Zoom	1:00 pm
	Stewardship—Library	2:00 pm
	Private Event—FH	5:00 pm
	ECP Graduation—Sanctuary	6:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, May 15	Men’s Breakfast—Frank’s	7:30 am
	Young At Heart—FH	10:00 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
Friday, May 16	Private/St. George Orthodox—S/FH	6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Saturday, May 17	Private/St. George Orthodox—S/FH	8:00 am–1:00 pm
	Brunch & Book—Oasis	10:00 am
Sunday, May 18	Sunday School-All Ages	9:00 am
	Fellowship—FH	10:00 am
	Worship With Communion	10:30 am
	Deacon’s Meeting—#10	11:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm

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Flowers today are given to the **GLORY OF GOD** by the Worship Ministry in honor of all Mothers. Please take a carnation of your choice as you leave.

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). Class will resume on May 18. Pat Abrams will begin the study *John for Everyone: Part 1*, by N. T. Wright.
- **Current Christianity**—Room #8, discussion of the book *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*, by Mariann Edgar Budde. No class this week.
- **Kindergarten through 5th grade**—Room #7. Led by Bonnie Keith and Donna Gilchrest.
- **6th-12th grade**—Room #10. Led by James Jackson and Brian Davis.

☺ 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.

Brown Bag & Bible returns this Wednesday, May 14, at Noon.

Presbyterian Women Day and Night Circles will have a joint meeting and birthday luncheon on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Bring a dish to share. The study is lesson 9, "Sustaining Creation's Health for All," from *Let Justice Roll Down* by Patricia K. Tull. For more information contact Melba Slaven or Bonnie Keith.

Young at Heart will meet Thursday, May 15th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be ordering pizza and have lots of fun visiting and playing games. Join us and brighten your day and ours!

The Brunch and Book Group meets next on Saturday, May 17, 10-Noon in the Oasis room, to discuss the book, **People of the Book**, by Geraldine Brooks. "Inspired by a true story, this book is a novel of sweeping historical grandeur and intimate emotional intensity—an acclaimed and ambitious work from a Pulitzer Prize-winning author. "Bring a dish to share.

If you know someone graduating high school in 2025 and are an FPC member, have them apply for the annual \$300 Young at Heart Memorial Scholarship. The application deadline is June 15, 2025. Applications are located under the bulletin boards.

Order your 85th Anniversary T-SHIRT in Light Blue or Heathered Purple by May 31 (extended date). Order forms located in the narthex. Place your order and payment in the envelope provided. Drop it in the box in the narthex or the church mailbox. Thanks!

The 85th Anniversary Planning Committee wants your help! Who at FPC has made a difference in your life? Write 3-4 sentences about a saint among us past or present and submit it to office@fpcpasadena.org or drop it by the office. Sketches (subject to editing) will be included in upcoming bulletins as we draw closer to October 12, 2025, and our grand celebration.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers: Frank & Glenda Kucera; Mike & Susan Wallace; Kay Hutson; Imelda Carrillo; Maurice and Joyce Barclay; Joan Gibertini's daughter, Deborah; Iliana Vela's sister, Maribelle; Anne Berridge; Cathy Armstrong; Elois Murray's son, Steve; Leah Slaven; Lavinia Brown, her sister, Edith Morehead, and brother-in-law, Ronnie.

We **WELCOME** to the pulpit this morning the first of several 85th Anniversary preachers. **Rev. David Fletcher** grew up in this church with his two sisters, Sandra and Marth Kay. All have been strong, life-long Presbyterians. After graduating from Austin Seminary in 1969, David and Judy (also an Austin Seminary grad) were married at First Presbyterian, Pasadena. Both are now honorably retired and live in Carrollton. They have one son, Brett, who lives with his family in England. (Special note: David's mother grew up at the Presbyterian Children's Home, one of the first benevolences of this congregation and the agency we plan to support with a gift in recognition of our Anniversary.)