

Welcome and Announcements

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Organ Voluntary *Now the Green Blade Rises*

NOEL NOUVELET, arr. Paul Manz

Introit *O Be Joyful in the Lord*

Hal H. Hopson

†Call to Worship

Dan Slaven

One: God has done marvelous things!

All: We join with all creation in praise! God's love and faithfulness to us is endless.

One: Out of God's great love, God chooses us.

All: God's love bears us in fullness beyond compare!

†Hymn #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

*O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

Prayer of Confession

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend. When we stumble over the gift of your grace, lift us up with the strong arms of a loving parent. When we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world, shower us with peace, the gentle breeze of an evening rain. When we cannot feel the flowing of your peace, show us your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. Forgive us, risen Christ, of all the ways we fall short, and teach us to be agents of new life in the world.

(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 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Anthem *Love One Another*

C. Harry Causey

Refrain:

Love one another as I have loved you.
And care for each other as I have cared for you.
And bear one another's burdens, and share each other's joys.
And love one another, and bring each other home.

Forgive each other here, as I've forgiven you.
Be friend to each one here, as I've been friend to you.

Refrain

Pray together here, as I have prayed with you.
Serve together here, as I have served you.
Love one another as I have loved you.
Love one another, and bring each other home.

New Testament Reading John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon *"The Tug of Joy"*

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

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

†Hymn #231 *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

SUO GAN

*Christ has risen while earth slumbers; Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!*

*Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.*

*Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.*

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

GELOBT SEI GOTT, arr. Paul Manz

†Doxology #606

†Prayer of Dedication

†Hymn #703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

ST. CATHERINE

*Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.*

*O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.*

*O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.*

†Charge and Benediction

†Response *Threefold Amen*

Hal H. Hopson

Postlude *I Leave All Things to God's Direction*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT LASST WALTEN, BWV642, J. S. Bach

†Please stand in body or spirit

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Worship Ministry in honor of Ron Ollis and the beautiful music he shares with us every Sunday!

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 Gilchrest.
- **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.

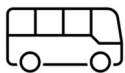
TODAY is 1st Sunday Lunch! Please join us after worship for a Cinco de Mayo potluck! There is always plenty of good food and fellowship... plan on staying whether you brought food or not!

NO BROWN BAG & BIBLE this Wednesday, May 8. Regular schedule resumes, May 15.

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.

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!



The next Young at Heart Bus Trip is Friday, May 17, to the National Museum of Funeral History, where you will discover America's largest collection of historic funeral items and so much more! For more information, flyers are in the hallway, or contact Ruth Askine @ 713-515-9248.

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; Cathy Armstrong; Corrie Martinez, friend of Richard Heeth; 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.

Please pray for: Holly Liechty and her family. Holly resigned as of April 22 for personal reasons. Please direct all email and phone calls to Barbara Davis at 281-991-8700, or office@fpcpasadena.org. Personnel has begun the search for an Office Administrator.

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	10:30 am
	1st Sunday Lunch—Cinco de Mayo potluck	11:30 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	Ministerio Corban—FH	4-8:30 pm
Monday, May 6	Caring Ministry—#10	6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 7	PW Board Meeting—FH	9:30 am
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
Wednesday, May 8	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	NO Brown Bag & Bible	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 9	Men's Breakfast—Frank's	7:30 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Intercessory Prayer—Library	1:00 pm
	Chair Yoga—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
	Floor Yoga—FH	6:15 pm
Saturday, May 11	Private/DAR—FH	9 am-1:30 pm
Sunday, May 12	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
	Discipleship Ministry—Library	11:30 am
	Handbell Practice—#11	12:15 pm
	Ministerio Corban—FH	4-8:30 pm

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"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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