

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude *Largo from Concerto in E flat Major*

Johann Baptist Neruda

Noah Adams - trumpet

Introit *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Robert Jackson

†Call to Worship

Laura Phipps

One: We come to prepare and equip ourselves.

All: We come seeking to be worthy of our call.

One: The Lord looks not at our outward selves,

All: but seeks to know what is in our hearts.

One: Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord,

All: that we may live as children of the Most High.

†Hymn #32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

(Please pass Prayer Concerns Cards to an usher)

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.

The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.

God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.

And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,

While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,

and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See (verse 1)*

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

New Testament Reading II Corinthians 10:12-18

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another, and compare themselves with one another, they do not show good sense. We, however, will not boast beyond limits, but will keep within the field that God has assigned to us, to reach out even as far as you. For we were not overstepping our limits when we reached you; we were the first to come all the way to you with the good news of Christ. We do not boast beyond limits, that is, in the labours of others; but our hope is that, as your faith increases, our sphere of action among you may be greatly enlarged, so that we may proclaim the good news in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in someone else's sphere of action. 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.' For it is not those who commend themselves that are approved, but those whom the Lord commends.

Anthem *Be Still, My Soul*

Jean Sibelius, arr. John Purifoy

Patricia Grell, cello

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide, In ev'ry change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
Be still, my soul, your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake, all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.
Be still, my soul, the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Old Testament Reading I Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Sermon *"Looking on the Heart"*

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

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

†**Gloria Patri #581**

Call to Offering

Offertory *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Richard Redhead, arr. David Paxton

Margaret Bardin - piano, Ron Ollis - organ,

†**Doxology #606**

†**Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving the Elements

Prayer After Communion

†**Hymn #30** *O God, in a Mysterious Way*

O God, in a mysterious way great wonders you perform.
You plant your footsteps in the sea and ride upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill,
you treasure up your bright designs and work your sovereign will.

O fearful saints, fresh courage take. The clouds you so much dread
are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.

Our unbelief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.
You are your own interpreter, and you will make it plain.

†**Charge and Benediction**

†**Response** *Amen*

Dresden

Postlude *Te Deum*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Noah Adams - trumpet

*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 Frank Kucera in honor of Glenda's 80th birthday on March 22nd.

Worship in the Sanctuary is at 10:30 am each Sunday. Livestream is always an option at fpcpasadena.org.

Time of Fellowship each Sunday 10:00-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Drop in after Sunday school and/or before worship to say Hello! and get a cup of coffee!

FPC Sunday School at 9 am—Children, youth, and adult classes:

- **Stepping Out in Faith Sunday School** led by Pat Abrams meets in the Bride's Room and by Zoom. Contact Bonnie Keith for the Zoom link.
- **Current Christianity**—meets in Room #8. Their current book of study is **Fierce Love** by Dr. Jacqui Lewis.
- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** led by Mark Corder meets at 8:45 in the Library.
- **3 years to 5th grade** meets in Room #7.
- **6th-12th grade** led by James Jackson and Brian Davis meets in Room #10.

Lent Devotionals are available in the narthex and will be emailed/mailed each week as we prepare to celebrate the risen Christ with reflection and prayer.

Nursery Volunteers: Yulissa Delgado is our new paid nursery attendant for Sunday worship services. She is a college student and the daughter of a former nursery attendant, Noelia Delgado. **By law, two adults are required** in the nursery each Sunday. One volunteer is needed each Sunday to work with Yulissa from 10:00 am till all children are picked up. If none arrive at the start of service (10:30 am), they may leave. A sign-up sheet is on the table under the cross wall *waiting for your name*. Thank you! Questions? Contact Donna Gilchrest 281-830-3176.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Larry Parks; Jim Tinney; Kay Goates; Brett Coe; Liz Sydnor's sister, Kathleen Sydnor; Josh Gilchrest; Don Christopher; Frank Kucera's son, Christopher; Bruce Walters' grandson, Doug; Kathleen Hoffman; Dolores Thacker's son, James Thacker; Emma Abrams; Pat Pesl; Jackie Welch; Joan Gibertini's daughter, Deborah Gaskins; Mike & Susan Wallace; Kay Hutson; Brad Stratton; Mary & Rex Knapik; Imelda Carrillo; Health care workers and all those struggling with COVID-19; Baywood Crossing residents and staff; People of Ukraine; All those affected by the tornadoes; All those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

FREE SHREDDING on Wednesday, March 29, from 5-7 pm.

Sierra Shred will be in the church parking lot to take all those old files and papers off your hands!

- **OK to shred:** PAPER — no need to remove paper clips, staples, rubber bands, or file folders.
- **NOT OK to shred:** trash, batteries, binders, chemicals/cleaners, food/containers, lighters/match books, medical waste, metal, plastic, phones, cords/cables, wood, x-rays.

<u>This Week at FPC</u>		
Sunday, Mar 19	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Time of Fellowship! FH	10-10:30 am
	Worship—Communion	10:30 am
	Discipleship—Library	11:45 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
	PRIVATE EVENT—FH	2-4:00 pm
Monday, Mar 20	Session—FH	6:45 pm
Tuesday, Mar 21	Prayer Shawl—Zoom	1:30 pm
	Yoga-Chair—FH	5:00 pm
	Declutter Group—# 10	6:00 pm
	Yoga-Floor—FH	6:15 pm
Wednesday, Mar 22	Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
	Brown Bag & Bible—FH	12:00 pm
	Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, Mar 23	Men's Breakfast at Frank's	7:30 am
	Intercessory Prayer—Library (<i>new time</i>)	11:00 am
	Chain Stitchers—FH	12:00 pm
	Yoga-Chair—FH	5:00 pm
	Chain Stitchers—#9	6:00 pm
	Yoga-Floor—FH	6:15 pm
Saturday, Mar 25	Men's Breakfast—FH	10:00 am
Sunday, Mar 26	Sunday School—All Ages	9:00 am
	Time of Fellowship! FH	10-10:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Handbells—#11	12:15 pm
	PRIVATE EVENT—FH	2-4:00 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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