

† **Benediction**

Response: # 600 *Amen*

African American; arr. Nelsie T. Johnson

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

† **Postlude:** *Opus 18, #2*

Serge Bortkiewicz

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 am

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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Open my eyes that they may see the deepest needs of people.

Move my hands that they may feed the hungry;
touch my heart that it may bring warmth to the despairing;
teach me the generosity that welcomes strangers;
let me share my possessions to clothe the naked;
give me the care that strengthens the sick;
make me share in the quest to set the prisoner free.

In sharing our anxieties and our love,
our poverty and our prosperity,
we partake of your divine presence

Canaan Banana, Zimbabwe



Leading in Worship Today

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Service for the Lord's Day
Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Minute for Mission

Prelude: *This Little Light of Mine* Traditional Spiritual; arr. Joel Raney
Martha Braswell and Margaret Bardin

Introit: #390 *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!* Cameroon melody; arr. Ralph M. Johnson

†Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The Lord has delivered us from slavery;

All: there is no other god but the Lord.

†Hymn of Praise: #265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

#71 *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* (refrain only)
Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

†Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri) #581

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Chancel Time with Children

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

Anthem: *Creation Will Be At Peace*

Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,
their young will play together; a little child will lead, a little child will lead.

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw,
They will war no more, they will war no more;
a child will lead them all, will lead them all.

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

Prayer for Illumination: #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Psalm 100 (p. 427)

Sermon Lesson: I Corinthians 12: 4-14, 27 (p. 813)

Sermon: "The Life of Our Church"

Stewardship and Committees

Stewardship (definition from Merriam-Webster): the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

The Great Commandment (aka "Jesus Creed"): Mark 12:30-31
30you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." 31The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ...

Responding to the Word of God

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

†Hymn of Affirmation: #697 *Take My Life*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Amazing Grace*

Robert Vandall

†Doxology: #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

†Hymn of Inspiration: #719 *Come, Labor On*