

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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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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O Lord, open my eyes
that I may see the need of others,
open my ears that I may hear their cries,
open my heart so that they need not be without succour.
Let me not be afraid to defend the weak
because of the anger of the strong,
nor afraid to defend the poor
because of the anger of the rich.
Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,
and use me to bring them to these places.
Open my eyes and ears that I may, this coming day,
be able to do some work of peace for you.

Alan Paton, South Africa

Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. Jim Currie, Preaching
Donna Morrison, Liturgist
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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: *Blessed Assurance*

arr. by Robert Thygeron

†Call to Worship

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The Lord gives food in due season;

All: God satisfies the desire of every living thing.

†Hymn of Praise #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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: *Hallelujah*

Donna Morrison & Steve Haskins

Leonard Cohen

Prayer for Illumination *God Has Something to Say*

"God has something to say. God has something to say.
Listen, listen...Pay attention...
God has something to say."
(Ghost Ranch Prayer for Illumination)

First Lesson: Romans 9:1-(p. 801)

Sermon Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31 (p. 25)

Sermon: "In Search of a Blessing"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

†Hymn of Affirmation #462 *I Love to Tell the Story*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Prayer for Unity*

Kevin Keil

†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 #157 *I Danced in the Morning*

†Benediction

†Response #43 (refrain) *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

†Postlude: *Largo*

George F. Handel