

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

February 12, 2017

10:30 am

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude

**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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## Service for the Lord's Day

### Gathering Around the Word of God

#### Welcome and Life of the Church

#### Minute for Mission

**Prelude:** *Simple Gifts (FPC Handbells)*

Brenda Austin

**Introit #399:** *God Welcomes All*

John L. Bell

#### † Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: The choice is before us: life or death.

**All: Let us choose life, so that we may live.**

† **Hymn of Praise #1:** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

#### Call to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

**Divine Gardener, you give growth to our seeds and to the towering forest trees; you raise to abundant life that which seems dead. Teach us to choose blessing and life rather than death, so that we may walk blamelessly, seeking you through reconciliation with all of your children. 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.  
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**Anthem:** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon, and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace.  
Amen

#### Proclaiming the Word of God

**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:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (p. 147)

**Sermon Lesson:** Matthew 5:21-37 (p. 684)

**Sermon:** "RADICALIZED GOSPEL"

Rev. Jim Currie

#### Responding to the Word of God

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

† **Hymn of Affirmation #519:** *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak (2x)*

#### Offering Our Gifts to God

**Offertory Music:** *Arietta*

Edward Grieg

† **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 #26:** *Earth and All Stars*

† **Benediction**

#### Annual Congregational Meeting

† **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:** *Gigue*

G. F. Handel