

†**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:** *How Firm a Foundation*

arr. Craig Courtney

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Transfiguration of the Lord*

February 26, 2017

10:30 am

**Praying**

IT doesn't have to be the blue iris,  
it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones;  
just pay attention,  
then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate,  
This isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks,  
and a silence in which another voice may speak.

from *Thirst*. by Mary Oliver, Beacon Press 2006

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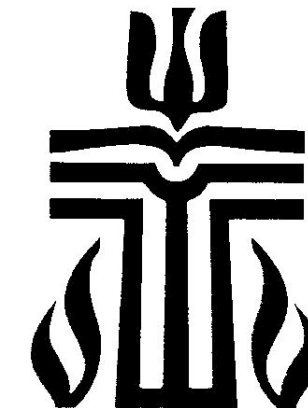
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## Service for the Lord's Day

### Gathering Around the Word of God

#### Welcome and Life of the Church

#### Minute for Mission

**Prelude:** *Day by Day and With Each Passing Moment.*

arr. Craig Courtney

**Introit #276:** *Sing a New Song unto the Lord*

Daniel L. Schutte

#### † Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

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

Leader: On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured,

**All: and God said: This is my Beloved Son.**

† **Hymn of Praise #267:** *Come Christians Join to Sing*

#### Call to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

**O God of the covenant, the cloud of your splendor and the fire of your love revealed your Son on the mountain heights. Transform our lives in his image, write your law of love on our hearts, and make us prophets of your glory, that we may lead others into your presence. 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:** *If God Is For Us*

Allen Pote

If God is for, us who can be against us?

Who can separate us from the love, of Christ?

Will tribulation or despair, persecution, hunger or poverty, will danger or will death?

No, no, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Who can separate us from the love, of Christ?

For I am sure that neither death nor life nor angels, nor rulers nor things present nor things to come

nor powers depth, nor height, no, nothing can separate us,

nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God, through Christ Jesus our Lord.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

#### Proclaiming the Word of God

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**First Lesson:** Exodus 24:12-18 (p. 58)

**Sermon Lesson:** Matthew 17:1-9 (p. 694)

**Sermon:** *"What do you know about the light?"*

Rev. Lauren Suba

#### Responding to the Word of God

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

† **Hymn of Affirmation #193:** *Jesus Take Us to the Mountain.*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music:** *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

arr. Craig Courtney

† **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 #305:** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

† **Benediction**