

**Taking the Word of God into the World**

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

† **Hymn of Inspiration #729:** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian.*

† **Benediction**

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

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.

Michael Joncas

† **Postlude:** *Courante*

J. S. Bach

First Presbyterian Church  
of Pasadena

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

January 22, 2017

As the day's light breaks the darkness of the night,  
as the first movements of the morning pierce the  
night's stillness,  
so a new waking to life dawns within me,  
so a fresh beginning opens.  
In the early light of this day,  
in the first actions of the morning,  
let me be awake to life.  
In my soul and in my seeing  
let me be alive to the gift of this new day,  
let me be fully alive.

J. Philip Newell,  
Sounds of the Eternal; A Celtic Psalter



Leading in Worship Today...

Mark Corder, Preaching  
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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."*

## Service for the Lord's Day

### Gathering Around the Word of God

#### Welcome and Life of the Church

#### Minute for Mission

**Prelude:** *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling*

arr. Clarence Kohlman

**Introit #728:** *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*

African American Spiritual

#### † Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

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

Leader: We proclaim the message of the cross:

**All: this is the wisdom and power of God.**

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

#### Call to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

**God of blazing light, through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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:** *Here I Am, Lord*

Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame;

I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

#### 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:** Psalm 23 (p. 392)

**Sermon Lesson:** James 2:14-20 (p. 855)

**Sermon:** "A Ministry of Mission"

Mark Corder

#### Responding to the Word of God

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

† **Hymn of Affirmation #720:** *Jesus Calls Us*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music:** *To a Wild Rose*

Edward MacDowell

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

† **Prayer of Dedication**