

Taking the Word of God into the World

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

† **Hymn of Inspiration #295:** *Go to the World!*

† **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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush,
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,
He provides me with images of stillness,
which restore my serenity.
He leads me in the ways of efficiency,
through calmness of mind,
And his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things
to accomplish each day,
I will not fret for his presence is here.
His timelessness, his all - importance
will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal
in the midst of my activity
By anointing my mind with his oils of tranquillity,
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness
shall be the fruits of my hours,
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord,
and dwell in his house for ever.

Toki Miyashina

Leading in Worship Today...

Rev. Jim Currie, Preaching
Joyce DeLoach, Liturgist
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"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: *Cast Your Burdens Upon the Lord*

Mendelssohn

Introit #395: *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

Johann Sebastian

† Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: What does the Holy One require of us?

All: To be just, kind, and humble before God.

† **Hymn of Praise #643:** *Now Thank We All Our God*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength; that, as we learn to do justice and to love mercy, your rule may come as blessing. 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 Beatitudes*

H. R. Evans

Blessed art thou!

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted,

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you; blessed are ye when men shall persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely.

For my sake rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven:

Rejoice! and be exceeding glad: and glorify the Father in heaven

Blessed are thou for great is your reward in heaven:

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: Micah 6:1-8 (p. 659)

Sermon Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 683)

Sermon: "TODAY!"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

† **Hymn of Affirmation #852:** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least.*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour*

arr. C. Kohlman

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

† **Prayer of Dedication**