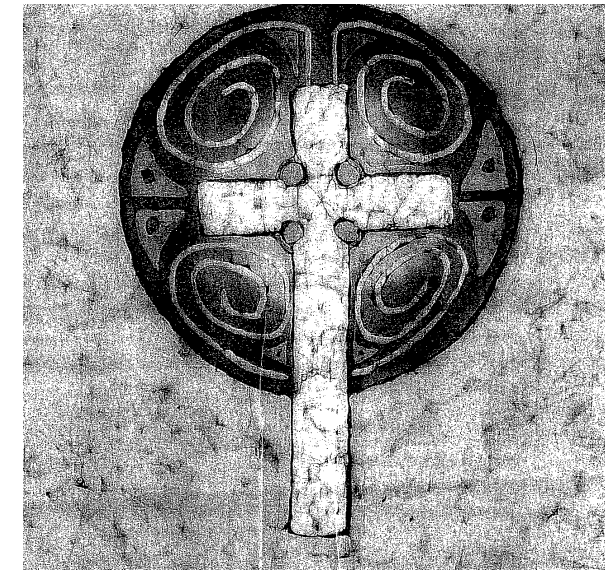


# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

April 29, 2018

10:30 am



*In the many details of this day  
let me be fully alive.  
In the handling of food  
and the sharing of drink,  
in the preparing of work  
and the uttering of words,  
in the meeting of friends  
and the intermingling of relationship  
let me be alive to each instant, O God,  
let me be fully alive.*

*J. Philip Newell*

### Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. James Currie, Preaching  
Bonnie Keith, Liturgist  
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
Robin Dunn, Organist  
Jamie Taylor, Handbell Director  
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual Ministry



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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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Bonnie Keith

#### Class of 2019

Maurice Barclay  
Donna Morrison  
Jim Tinney  
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#### Class of 2020

Luis Alvarez  
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#### Class of 2018

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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:** *Fairest Lord Jesus* Schlesische Volkslieder arranged by Dick Wall  
Handbell Ensemble  
Amber Pendleton, Rebecca Heeth, Karen Schimnowski, James Taylor, and Clay Covington

**Introit:** #633 *Praise Ye the Lord* J. Jefferson Cleveland

#### †Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another.

**All: We love because God first loved us.**

†**Hymn of Praise:** #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

#### Call to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in you. You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and exclude. Forgive us, God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect love, the love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

#### Silent Confession

**Liturgist:** Amen

698 - Take, O Take Me as I Am (x 2)

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

#### Assurance of Pardon

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:** *Write Your Blessed Name, O Lord, Upon My Heart* Dale Grotenhuis

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,  
there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,  
that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliv'rer in distress,  
and a faithful guide to the courts of heaven through the many temptations and dangers of this life.  
O Jesu, my only Savior!

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart,  
there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity,  
that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.

#### 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 22:25-31 (p. 392)

**Sermon Lesson:** John 15:1-11 (p. 764)

**Sermon:** "A Community Rooted in Christ" Rev. Jim Currie

#### Responding to the Word of God

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

†**Hymn of Affirmation:** #321 *The Church's One Foundation*

#### Offering Our Gifts to God

**Offertory Music:** *The Prayer* Sager/Foster

†**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:** #450 *Be Thou My Vision*

†**Benediction**

†**Response:** #634 *To God Be the Glory (refrain)* William Howard Doane

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

†**Postlude:** *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Bish