

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 1, 2018

10:30 am

**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.”*



LOVE



GROW



SERVE

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**Class of 2020**

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Joyce Barclay  
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Sue Clark  
Betty Pendleton

**Class of 2020**

Faith Alvarez  
Donna Coe  
Brian Davis  
George Yeargin

In the absence  
of a burning bush  
or a blinding light  
or a voice that claims us,  
how does one know  
for sure  
that it is God who is calling?  
Of course, the question could be asked:  
How does one know anything for sure?  
Perhaps this is where faith comes in  
and hope  
and love  
and prayer without ceasing . . . .  
I do know  
that when the hand of God  
is laid on the shoulder of our lives  
somehow  
we do know.  
We are even given the boldness to say,  
“Here am I. Send me.”

*Ann Weems, Family Faith Stories*

**Leading in Worship Today**

Rev. Dr. James Currie, Preaching  
Chere Wharry, Liturgist  
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
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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:** *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Handbells: Amber Pendleton, James Taylor, Brett Coe, George Yeargin

**Introit:** #332 *The Right Hand of God*

Noel Dexter

**† Call to Worship:**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

**All: the mercies of God never come to an end.**

**† Hymn of Praise:** #331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

**Call to Confession**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

**Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. We follow the crowds around you but fail to grasp the good news you offer. We weep at the power of death but laugh at your promise of new life. Forgive us, God of grace. Heal us of all doubt and despair and give us the gift of faith by which you make us whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Silent Confession**

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:** *The Pledge of Allegiance*

Linda Steen Spevacek

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

and to the Republic for which it stands.

One nation, under God, indivisible,

with liberty and justice for all.

**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:** I Samuel 8:1-9 (p. 195)

**Sermon Lesson:** I Peter 2:13-17 (p. 858)

**Sermon:** "A Delicate Balance"

Rev. Jim Currie

**Responding to the Word of God**

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

**† Hymn of Affirmation:** #340 *This Is My Song*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music:** *Battle Hymn of Republic*

Margaret Bardin, Robin Dunn, piano

arr. Hayes

**† 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:** #338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

**† 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:** *The Rejoicing", Fireworks*

Handel/Biggs