

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 29, 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.”



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Faith Alvarez
Donna Coe
Brian Davis
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When I Am Among the Trees

**When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locusts,
especially the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.**

**I am so distant from the hope of myself
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.**

**Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, “Stay awhile.”
The light flows from their branches.**

**And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say,
“and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine.”**

*Thirst
Poems by Mary Oliver*



Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. James Currie, Preaching
Bonnie Keith, Liturgist
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Robin Dunn, Organist



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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: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

arr. Hayes

†Call to Worship:

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The Lord upholds those who are falling;

All: God raises those who are bowed down.

†Hymn of Praise: #366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You are always faithful to us, yet we pursue our own desires. You are generous beyond measure, yet we jealously hoard your gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to comprehend the height and depth and breadth of your great love for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

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

Musical score for the hymn "Take, O Take Me as I Am" (numbered 698). The score is written for voice and piano in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat major/D-flat minor). The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line.

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.

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

Anthem: *Special Music*

Barbara Dunn

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 100 (p. 427)

Sermon Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21 (p. 828)

Sermon: "Rooted and Grounded in Love"

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

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

†Hymn of Affirmation: #703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

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: #772 *Live Into Hope*

†Benediction

†Response: #48 *Rain Down (sing twice)*

arr. John Carter

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.

†Postlude: *Hail, This Brightest Day of Days*

J.S. Bach