

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

October 14, 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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**ROSES, LATE SUMMER**

*by Mary Oliver*

What happens to the leaves after they turn red and golden and fall away?  
What happens to the singing birds when they can't sing any longer?  
What happens to their quick wings?

Do you think there is any personal heaven for any of us?  
Do you think anyone, the other side of that darkness, will call to us, meaning us?  
Beyond the trees the foxes keep teaching their children to live in the valley.  
So they never seem to vanish, they are always there in the blossom of light that stands up every morning in the dark sky.

And over one more set of hills, along the sea, the last roses have opened their factories of sweetness and are giving it back to the world.

If I had another life I would want to spend it all on some unstinting happiness.

I would be a fox, or a tree full of waving branches.  
I wouldn't mind being a rose in a field full of roses.  
Fear has not yet occurred to them, nor ambition.  
Reason they have not yet thought of.  
Neither do they ask how long they must be roses, and then what.  
Or any other foolish question.

**Leading in Worship Today**

Rev. Eid Abdelmassih, Preaching  
David Brakebill, Liturgist  
Jessie Kuehner, Children's Time  
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director  
Margaret Bardin, Organist  
Barry Webb, Audio-Visual Ministry



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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**

*Pasadena Interfaith Ministries*

Lavinia Brown

**Prelude:** *Vater unser im Himmelreich (Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above)*

Georg Philipp Telemann

**Introit:** #820 *Nothing Can Trouble*

Jacques Berthier

**†Call to Worship:**

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

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

Leader: How can a mortal receive eternal life?

**All: For God all things are possible.**

**†Hymn of Praise:** #816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

**Call to Confession**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You have shown us what is good, but we remain enthralled by evil. You have offered us abundance, but we are satisfied with wealth. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Word cut away all that is false and open our hearts to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Silent Confession**

**Liturgist:** Amen

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

(x 2)

**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**

Jessie Kuehner

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

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**Anthem:** *Shout to the Lord*

arr. John Purifoy

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.

All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing;

power and majesty, praise to the King!

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,

forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

**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:** Ecclesiastes 6: 1-7 (p. 475)

**Sermon Lesson:** Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 (p. 812)

**Sermon:** "The Real Happiness"

Rev. Eid Abdelmassih

**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:** *The Potter's Hand*

Praise Team

arr. Benjamin Harlan

**†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:** #837 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

**†Benediction**

**†Response:** #726 *Will You Come and Follow Me (verse 5)* Scottish melody arr. John L. Bell

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**†Postlude:** *Trumpet Tune*

Jean Joseph Mouret arr. by S. Drummond Wolff