

Please exit quietly after worship for those enjoying the organ postlude and continue fellowship in the narthex and fellowship hall.

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Transfiguration of the Lord

March 03, 2019

10:30 am

Rev. Dr. Carol Byrd

Carol is a graduate of Berea College in Berea, KY and holds an M. Div. and D. Min from Columbia Theological Seminary. She is married to CH (COL) Joey Byrd who is also a Presbyterian minister. They have three children: Sarah, Katy, and Joseph who are all married. They have two grandchildren: William and Holly. Carol has pastored churches in Ohio, North Carolina, Alabama, and South Carolina. She has been an Interim Minister with four churches before coming to Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. Carol and Joey celebrated thirty years of ministry in July, 2018. She has also been a Pastoral Counselor for twenty-one years. The areas of ministry she enjoys most are Pastoral Care and Counseling, and teaching and leading prayer. "Prayer is no more than an awareness of the presence of God, who is always with us. It can take many forms and can take place anywhere. But it is perhaps most special and most heartfelt when it is an open and honest conversation, as if we are talking to our best friend. How God longs for this simple communication."

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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Lord, what shall I do that I
can't quiet myself?
...
To enter the language of transformation!
To learn the importance of stillness,
with one's hands folded!

When will my eyes of rejoicing turn peaceful?
When will my joyful feet grow still?
When will my heart stop its prancing
as over the summer grass?

Lord, I would run for you, loving the miles for your sake.
I would climb the highest tree
to be that much closer.

Lord, I will learn also to kneel down
into the world of the invisible,
the inscrutable and the everlasting.
Then I will move no more than the leaves of a tree
on a day of no wind,
bathed in light,
like the wanderer who has come home at last
and kneels in peace, done with all unnecessary things;
every motion; even words.

Mary Oliver

adapted from *Thirst, Coming to God: First Days*



Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Carol Byrd, preaching
Brian Davis, Liturgist
Jessie Kuehner, Children's Time
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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

Bingo

Youth Ministries

Prelude: *Little Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major*

J.S. Bach

Introit: #189 *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

†Call to Worship:

Leader: We gather together to worship God.

All: We gather because we have seen:

Leader: the bush was aflame,

All: and yet it was not consumed.

Leader: There were just five small loaves,

All: and yet there was bread leftover.

Leader: We gather because we have heard God's voice in mighty thunder,

All: and in sighs too deep for words.

Leader: God called Jesus "Beloved" on a mountaintop,

All: and God has called our names.

Leader: We have seen. We have heard.

All: God is here. Let us worship God together!

†**Hymn of Praise:** #193 *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Your reign is marked by justice and peace; you are on the side of those who are oppressed.

All: Our lives are marked by comfort and avoidance; we choose what is fair instead of what is just.

Leader: You seek transformation and compassion in this world, yet we are content to wait for the promise of heaven.

All: Forgive our failings, Lord, and convict us by your spirit. Move us beyond our shallow faith to know the depth of your life among us.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

Response: #698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.
(repeat)

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: *"Be Thou My Vision" from Songs of Faith*

Paul Basler

Steven Villaneuva, French horn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou I me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination: #288 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35 (p. 66)

Sermon Lessons: Luke 9:28-36 (p. 733)

Sermon: "Seeing the Glory of the Lord"

Rev. Dr. Carol Byrd

Responding to the Word of God

†**Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (p. 34)**

†**Hymn of Affirmation:** #377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

Johann Walther

†**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:** #666 *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

†**Benediction**

†**Response:** #192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the
midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World,
shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

†**Postlude:** *Allegro Maestro e Vivace from Sonata No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn



†*Please stand as you are able.*