

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

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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First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

10:30 am

“What is REAL?” asked the Velveteen Rabbit one day, when they were lying side by side near the nursery fender, before Nana came to tidy the room.

“Does it mean having things that buzz inside you and a stick-out-handle?”

“Real isn’t how you are made,” said the Skin Horse. “It’s a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real.”

“Does it hurt?” asked the Velveteen Rabbit.

“Sometimes,” said the Skin Horse, for he was always truthful. “When you are Real you don’t mind being hurt.”

Margery Williams
from *The Velveteen Rabbit*



Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Patrick Abrams, preaching
Imelda Carrillo, Liturgist
Jessie Kuehner, Children’s Time
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 One Great Hour of Sharing Imelda Carrillo

Prelude: *O God, Thou Faithful God* Johannes Brahms

Introit: #799 *I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry* African American Spiritual

†Call to Worship:

Leader: O God, we seek you, and our souls thirst for you.

All: Our flesh faints for the Lord, as in a dry and weary land.

Leader: O God, your steadfast love is better than life itself!

All: Let us bless the Lord as long as we live, lift up our hands and call on God's name.

†**Hymn of Praise:** #436 *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

We try to draw boundaries around your forgiveness, for we cannot imagine the endlessness of your grace. We try to make a rule book of your holy stories, for we cannot grasp the depth of your living word. We try to make a worldly hero of our holy savior, for we cannot understand the majesty of your gift. Forgive us, Holy One, and gather us more closely into the realm of your transforming love.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

Response: #437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

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 Still, My Soul* arr. John Purifoy

Steven Villanueva, French horn

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide, in ev'ry change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake, all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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: Isaiah 55:6-11 (p. 525)

Sermon Lessons: Luke 13:1-9 (p. 738)

Sermon: “He Can’t Take His Eyes Off You”

Rev. Patrick Abrams

Responding to the Word of God

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

†**Hymn of Affirmation:** #203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Adagio from Concerto in A Minor (BWV 593)*

Vivaldi/Bach

†**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:** # 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

†Benediction

†**Response:** #546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (verse 1)*

Sicilian Melody

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

†**Postlude:** *Fantasy in A Minor*



†*Please stand as you are able.*