

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

10:30 am

God our Mother and Father,
be with us as we learn to
see one another with new eyes,
hear one another with new hearts,
and treat one another in a new way.

Corrymeela Community, Ireland



Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Helen P. DeLeon, Preaching
Bonnie Keith, Liturgist
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Ron Ollis, Organist
Barry Webb, Audio Visual

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Rev. Helen P. DeLeon

Rev. Helen DeLeon is a native of Houston, Texas. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Houston and masters' degrees in Divinity (McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL) and in Social Work (The University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL). Before entering the ministry, she served as Executive Assistant to the President of Baylor College of Medicine for 18 years. She obtained her bachelor's degree while serving in this position and rearing her two children.

Pastor Helen has served the Webster Presbyterian community of faith for 16 years. Her primary passions are for Care and Mission. She is active in the social justice community, particularly around issues of mental health, addiction, racism, criminal justice, human trafficking, domestic violence, immigration, and wage theft. She also is passionate about and active in the interfaith community.

Pastor Helen is active in the Presbytery of New Covenant. She began her term of Moderator of the Presbytery of New Covenant on January 1, 2019, and currently serves on the Presbytery's General Council. She serves on a variety of other committees and task forces, as well.

Helen's activity in the community has included terms on the Board of Interfaith Caring Ministries, including a term as President; on Interfaith Worker Justice Board, including a term as Chair of the Steering Committee that helped establish the Houston-area branch of this national organization; and currently serves on the Board of the Institute for Civility in Government. She is involved with the interfaith work at Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, as well.

Helen's interfaith work has included organizing and participating in interfaith dialogue dinners, serving as moderator for interfaith dialogue gatherings, and serving as a keynote speaker at the Clear Lake Islamic Center's Women's Unity Gathering in 2017. She currently is organizing an Interfaith Council of Greater Clear Lake.

Pastor Helen is the very proud mother of two adult children, Autumn and Michael. Between them with their respective spouses Jeff and Mary, they have given Helen the great loves of her life, her grandchildren: Jamie, Jordan, Brooke, Fayth, Will, Kaila, Elisabeth, and Hannah.

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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

Margaret Bardin

Prelude: *Finale Jubilante*

Healey Willan

Introit: #413 *Come into God's Presence*

Anonymous

†Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, our guide and protector.

All: The Lord is our parent, our companion and friend.

Leader: The Lord is almighty, with wisdom and power.

All: The Lord is present, with comfort and care.

Leader: Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,

All: honor and might be to our God! Amen.

†Hymn of Praise: #463 *How Firm a Foundation*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

You are a God of new life, yet we are bound to the old way of doing things. You are a God of infinite good news, yet we live in fear and dread. You are a God of resurrection, yet we spend our days proclaiming death. Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us and lead us to wholeness. You are a God of abundance, yet we fear there is not enough grace. You are a God of empowerment, yet we doubt whether we can do your work. You are a God of forgiveness, yet we cannot forgive others or ourselves. Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us and lead us to wholeness.

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

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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 compare 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: John 10:22-30 (p. 760)

Sermon Lesson: Acts 9:36-43 (p. 778)

Sermon: "Supporting One Another"

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Responding to the Word of God

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

†Hymn of Affirmation: #803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Abide With Me*

William H. Monk/arr. Diane Bish

†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: #761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

†Benediction

†Response: #408 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (Refrain)*

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us filling us with your love;

and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;

without a doubt we'll know that we be been revived when we shall leave this place.

†Postlude: *Saint Anne*

Gordon Young



†Please stand as you are able.

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