

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2019

10:30 am

During the celebration of Holy Communion in the Abbey church on Friday evening, there is a time for open prayer. We are invited to pray for individuals or situations in the world which are on our hearts. One of the most beautiful aspects of this particular time of prayer is that the prayers are offered in different languages. The service itself may be taking place on a remote Hebridean island, but in this time of prayer we are connected, as a congregation, with every continent. In the quiet beauty of the Abbey church we pray for people and places thousands of miles from Scotland. What a wonderful reminder that the family of God is truly world-wide, not just located in our own neighbourhood, as we sometimes imagine.

Christ of the pilgrim path,
you never see us as rich or poor, black or white,
educated or illiterate,
but as one family, involved with each other,
walking together in your Spirit of joy.

An Iona Prayer Book

Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Cheryl Gans, Preaching
Jim Keith, Liturgist
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Jamie Taylor, Handbell Director
Ron Ollis, Organist
Barry Webb, Audio Visual



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Rev. Gans serves as a Supplemental Chaplain with Memorial Hermann. She also volunteers as a Texas Master Gardener with Harris County.



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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Service for the Lord's Day
Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Prelude: *Fairest Lord Jesus (St. Elizabeth)* Schlesische Volkslieder and arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Handbell Choir

Minute for Mission Designated Pastor Nominating Committee

†Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us sit at Christ's feet, like his servant Mary,
All: and learn from the teachings of our Lord.
Leader: Let us serve Christ with eagerness, like his servant Martha,
All: and share God's hospitality with all in need.
Leader: Let us bear God's good news, like the prophet Amos,
All: and worship God with thanksgiving.

†Hymn of Praise: #664 *Morning Has Broken*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

God of Abraham and Sarah, you are the God of hospitality and grace. Forgive us when we close our doors to strangers or close our hearts to you. You are the God of good news and great joy. Forgive us when we hide behind the bad news of this world and lose sight of your holy hope. You are the God of all people, united in the body of Christ. Forgive us when we would fracture your body, and reconcile us in your spirit.

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

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: *A Mighty Fortress / Medley*

Melba Slaven, soprano; and Jim Taylor, tenor

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.

Chère Wharry

arr. Bartlett

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5 (p. 1)

Sermon Lessons: Colossians 1: 15-20 (p. 833)

Sermon: "Reconciling Life"

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Responding to the Word of God

†Affirmation of Faith: The Second Helvetic Confession (5.076)

For he (Jesus) is our righteousness, life and resurrection, in a word, the fullness and perfection of all the faithful, salvation and all sufficiency. For the apostle says: "In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell," and, "You have come to fullness of life in him." (Colossians: Chapters 1 and 2)

†Hymn of Affirmation: #510 *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Well Tempered Clavier I: Fugue in A Flat Major*

J.S. Bach

†Doxology: #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

†Prayer of Dedication

Sealing the Word of God

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking, Pouring, Sharing #527 *Eat This Bread*

*Please note during The Lord's Supper both wine and grape juice are served.
To distinguish between the two, the wine is red and the grape juice is white.*

Prayer after Communion

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

†Hymn of Inspiration: #37 *Let All Things Now Living*

†Benediction

†Response: #39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness (verse 3 and refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

†Postlude: *Cortege*

Edward D'Evry



†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.*