



# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

July 28, 2019

10:30 am

## Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair

*Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair is a native of Warren, Arkansas and a life-long Presbyterian. Over her thirty years of ordained ministry she has served churches in Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, and Michigan and served the Church at the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly level through committees and Boards. Widowed at an early age, she is proud of her son and his family (including a seven year-old granddaughter and a five year-old grandson) who live in Houston.*

### **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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Karen Schimnowski  
Ann Wright

### When I Am Among the Trees

When I am among the trees,  
especially the willows and the honey locusts,  
especially the beech, the oaks and the pines,  
they give off such hints of gladness.  
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself  
in which I have goodness, and discernment,  
and never hurry through the world  
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves  
and call out, “Stay awhile.”  
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say,  
“and you too have come  
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled  
with light, and to shine.”

*Thirst*  
*Poems by Mary Oliver*



### Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair, Preaching  
Dylan Duggan, Liturgist  
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**

**Prelude:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Flor Peeters

**Minute for Mission**

Discipleship

Donna Gilchrest

**†Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, O God, and fill this space.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts.**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, and lead the way.

**All: Teach us to worship the living God.**

**†Hymn of Praise: #299** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

**Call to Confession**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

Holy God, hear our prayers. Your love is constant and your grace abundant. Forgive us of the help we have not given, the hospitality we have not offered, the prayers we have not spoken, and the faithful steps we have not taken. Forgive us, God, and through your forgiveness embolden us to be your servants in your reign of peace.

**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**

Melba Slaven

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

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**Anthem:** *Why Me Lord/He Touched Me*

Kris Kristofferson/Bill Gaither

Donna Morrison, vocals  
Kelly Chambers, lead and guitar  
Mark McVey, bass vocals

**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:** Psalm 85:8-13 (p. 421)

**Sermon Lessons:** Luke 11:1-13 (p. 735)

**Sermon:** "The Avenue of Prayer"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

**Responding to the Word of God**

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

**†Hymn of Affirmation: #688** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music:** *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

Paul Manz

**†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: #824** *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest*

**†Benediction**

**†Response: #837** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (verse 1)*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

**†Postlude:** *Fantasy in C Major (BWV 570)*

J.S. Bach



**†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.*