

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

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10:30 am

**Rev. Rachel Young**

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***"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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**Prayer for courage**

Courage comes from the heart  
and we are always welcomed by God,  
the Croí (heart) of all being.

We bear witness to our faith,  
knowing that we are called  
to live lives of courage,  
love and reconciliation  
in the ordinary and extraordinary  
moments of each day.

We bear witness, too, to our failures  
and our complicity in the fractures of our world.

May we be courageous today.  
May we learn today.  
May we love today.  
Amen.

**Amen.**

Pádraig Ó Tuama



**Leading in Worship Today**

Rev. Rachel Young, Preaching  
Chère Wharry, 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:** *Praise to the Lord*

FPC Handbells

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

### †Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, O people! Listen for the voice of God.

**All: We have heard God's voice in mighty thunder, in joyful laughter, in faithful questions.**

Leader: Come, O people! Watch for the presence of God.

**All: We have seen God's presence in rolling hillsides, in busy streets, in one another.**

Leader: Come, O people! Taste the goodness of God.

**All: We have tasted God's love in broken bread, in shared wine, in living water.**

Leader: Rejoice, O people! God is here.

**All: Let us rejoice and worship God together!**

†**Hymn of Praise: #757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

### Call to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

You tell us that where our treasures are, our hearts are sure to be. Forgive us when we treasure the shallow things of this world more than we cherish the depth of your grace; when we choose comfort over faithfulness, power over love, wealth over discipleship, selfishness over service. Forgive us, Holy God, and move us, that through the act of confessing we may recognize our failings and be freed by your grace to try again.

### 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.

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Discipleship

**Anthem:** *Amazing Grace*  
*Mansion Over the Hilltop*

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

John Newton  
Ira Stanphill

**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:** Ephesians 2:8-10 (p. 827)

**Sermon Lessons:** Psalm 8:1-9 (p. 386)

**Sermon:** "Why Did God Create Humans?"

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### Responding to the Word of God

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

†**Hymn of Affirmation: #286** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

### Offering Our Gifts to God

**Offertory Music:** *Dedication Prayer*

Gottfried Stotzel

†**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: #625** *O Lord My God How Great Thou Art*

†**Benediction**

†**Response: #616** *Our God Is an Awesome God*

Our God is an awesome God

who reigns from heaven above

with wisdom, power, and love;

our God is an awesome God!

†**Postlude:** *Grace Alone*

Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson



†*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.*