

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

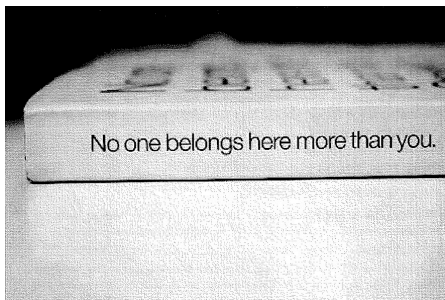
September 01, 2019

10:30 am

**Rev. Matthew B. "Matt" Morse**

*Matt is a minister member-at-large of New Covenant Presbytery. A native Houstonian, he is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin (B.A., 1999) and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (M.Div., 2003). Following seminary, Matt served as a Lily Resident Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and then as solo pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church in Taylor, Michigan.*

*Returning to the Texas hill country, Matt met his wife Ashley who is currently finishing her degree in early elementary education. They located last year to the Clear Lake area with their two children, Ethan (4) and Brynn (3). A member of the P.C. (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly Task Force on Serious Mental Illness from 2005-2008, he currently serves on New Covenant Presbytery's Mental Health Ministry Task Force.*



Lord, unwrinkle my tired soul  
unsnarl my garbled thoughts and words  
unwind my gnarled nerves  
and let me relax in Thee.

*from Guide My Feet  
by Marian Wright Edelman*



**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**

**Minute for Mission** *Kairos* Mark Corder

**Prelude:** *Fugue in C Major (BWV 531)* J.S. Bach

**Introit:** #399 *God Welcomes All* John L. Bell

**†Call to Worship:**

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength.

**All: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!**

Leader: God would feed us with the finest of the wheat,

**All: and satisfy us with honey from the rock.**

**†Hymn of Praise:** #719 *Come, Labor On*

**Call to Confession**

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

**Though we have heard that the humble ones will be exalted, we live as if we did not know your Word. We seek power and privilege over humility and compassion. We climb ladders of success rather than humble steps of justice. We still wrestle for seats of honor, and we still try to limit the guest list at your table. Forgive us in Christ, our model of true humanity, and convict us to reflect the depth of your 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**

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

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**Anthem:** *A Covenant Prayer*

Allen Pote

Lord, make me what you will, I put myself into your hands,  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering,  
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you.

Lord, make me what you will. I will no longer be my own.  
Let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things,  
Let me have nothing.

Lord, I freely and with a willing heart, give it all to you,  
to your pleasure, your pleasure and disposal, Lord.  
Make me what you will.

**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:** Jeremiah 2: 4-13 (p. 534)

**Sermon Lessons:** Luke 14: 1, 7-14 (p. 739)

**Sermon:** "Dining in the Nearness of God's Kingdom"

Rev. Matthew Morse

**Responding to the Word of God**

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

**†Hymn of Affirmation:** #417 *Lord Jesus, Think On Me*

**Offering Our Gifts to God**

**Offertory Music:** *Prayer*

Rene Vierne

**†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:** #721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

**†Benediction**

**†Response:** #600 *Amen (sing twice)*

African American Spiritual

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

**†Postlude:** *Marche Solennelle*

Felix Borowski

*Kindly remain in silence during the closing postlude, or depart very quietly.*



**†Please stand as you are able.**