

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 08, 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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For Equilibrium

Like the joy of the sea coming home to shore,
May the relief of laughter rinse through your soul.

As the wind loves to call things to dance,
May your gravity be lightened by grace.

Like the dignity of moonlight restoring the earth,
May your thoughts incline with reverence and respect.

As water takes whatever shape it is in,
So free may you be about who you become.

As silence smiles on the other side of what’s said,
May your sense of irony bring perspective.

As time remains free of all that it frames,
May your mind stay clear of all it names.

May your prayer of listening deepen enough
To hear in the depths the laughter of God.

*John O’Donohue
from To Bless the Space Between Us*



Leading in Worship Today
Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair, Preaching
Margaret Bardin and Darcy McPhail, Liturgists
Marilyn Wilkins, Music Director
Ron Ollis, Organist
Barry Webb, Audio Visual



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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 *Fall Craft Bazaar* Donna Gilchrest

Prelude: *Prelude in D Major (BWV 532)* J.S. Bach

Introit: #627 *I Love You Lord* Laurie Klein

†**Call to Worship:** Darcy McPhail

Leader: We gather as the family of God

All: bound together in the body of Christ.

Leader: We gather as the children of God,

All: called together in the presence of the Spirit.

Leader: We gather this day to worship God

All: and join our lives in the life of the church.

†**Hymn of Praise:** #305 *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

O God, you are the potter, shaping the world and molding our spirits. Your creation is an act of grace and your every word a fountain of life. Mold and shape us once again, O God, as we confess our sins before you. Drip the water of your Spirit onto our dry and cracking edges, and push us with your gentle fingers to reflect your handiwork. Create love where there is hatred, deep faith where there is shallow religion, generosity where there is selfish greed, and wholeness where there are shattered pieces. For we know that your work is not complete in us, and that our lives are made complete in you.

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 Donna Gilchrest

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

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Anthem: *O Breath of Life* Pepper Choplin

O breath of life, come sweeping through, revive your church with life and pow'r;

O breath of life, come cleanse renew, prepare our lives to meet this hour.

O breath of love, come breathe within, renewing mind and will and heart;

Come, love of Christ, teach us to love, revive Your church in ev'ry part.

Revive! O wind of God, move through Your church, come bend and break as to Your will;
then by Your tenderness remold, that as You break us, come remake us, remake us as Your own.

O heart of Christ, broken for us, in You we find our strength and rest;

Receive our hearts, broken and weak, and let Your waiting church be blest.

Revive us, Lord, why are we still, while harvest fields are vast and white?

Revive us, Lord, the world awaits; raise up Your church to spread the light!

O breath of life, O breath of love, breathe within our hearts.

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 139:1-6, 13-18 (p. 444)

Sermon Lessons: Luke 14:25-33 (p. 739)

Sermon: "Consider the Cost" Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Responding to the Word of God

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

†**Hymn of Affirmation:** #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Prelude Pastoral from Second Suite* Leon Boellmann

†**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:** #700 *I'm Gonna Live*

†**Benediction**

†**Response:** #647 *Give Thanks* Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong";

let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

†**Postlude:** *Fanfare* Jacques Lemmens

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



†*Please stand as you are able.*