

First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2019

10:30 am

THE KIND WORD DOES MORE THAN MAKE SOMEONE FEEL BETTER. IT MAKES THEM BETTER.

ENCOURAGING WORDS ARE EARTHLY MAGIC, ABLE TO BE PERFORMED BY ANY OF BLOOD AND BONE.

INSTEAD OF PULLING PLUMP PINK RABBITS AND BOUQUETS OF DAISIES OUT OF SOME HAT SAYING HI OR NICE JOB OR I LIKE YOU SO MUCH SNEAKS DIGNITY INTO THE INVISIBLE STETSONS WE ALL WEAR ATOP OUR SOULS. THE SPELL IS CAST COMPLETE WHEN ON SOME HUMBUG DAY

AS WE TWIDDLE OUR THUMBS WAITING, WE SUDDENLY SIT UP STRAIGHTER, CURIOUS AT THE SHOW BEFORE US AND HOW WE GOT IN FOR FREE.

TA-DA BY THEBEAUTIFULDUE

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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Leading in Worship Today

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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

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Imelda Carrillo

Prelude: *Prelude No. 1 in C Minor*

Felix Mendelssohn

Introit: #636 *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

Erik Routley

†Call to Worship:

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

All: From sunrise to sunset, may the name of the Lord be praised.

Leader: God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

All: to make them sit with princes, with the princes of God's people.

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants!

All: Praise the name of the Lord.

†Hymn of Praise: #394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

O Christ, your love is without limit; you gave your very life for us. Forgive us, Lord, when we your people are hesitant to share even the smallest of our gifts. O Christ, you model a life of service, always attentive to the ones in need. Forgive us, Lord, when we your people refuse to hear the cries of our neighbors. O Christ, you call us into community, joining the church in one faith, one baptism. Forgive us, Lord, when we fail to live up to your calling. Forgive us, renew us, and remake us into your faithful people.

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: *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*

Traditional Spiritual arr: Roger Emerson

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel then why not every man?
He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale,
and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not every man?

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel then why not every man?
I set my foot on the Gospel ship and the ship began to sail;
It landed me over on Canaan's shore and I'll never come back no more.

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel then why not every man?

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 79:1-9 (p. 418)

Sermon Lessons: Luke 16:1-13 (p. 740)

Sermon: "Malfeasance -- Yet Mercy"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Responding to the Word of God

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

†Hymn of Affirmation: #817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Trumpet Tune in E Minor*

Alfred Fedak

†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: #546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

†Benediction

†Response: #720 *Jesus Calls Us (verse 4)*

Henry Smith

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

†Postlude: *Toccata in F Major (Bux WV 157)*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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



†Please stand as you are able.