

# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

*Second Sunday in Lent*

March 8, 2020

10:30 am

**Taking the Word of God into the World**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)**

†**Hymn of Inspiration #65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

†**Benediction**

†**Response #418** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling (verse 3)* Welsh melody

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.  
"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

†**Postlude Rigaudon** André Campra

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



†*Please stand as you are able.*

**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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Genesis 12:1-4  
Go.  
Where?  
I shall tell you in time.  
For now, just go  
And trust.  
But the desert is bleak  
And beyond the horizon is unknown to me.  
I will be with you.  
Always?  
Always.  
There is so much to do.  
I don't know if I have the strength  
Or the will  
Or the faith.  
I have claimed you for my own  
I have set you apart to complete the task  
If you need strength, ask  
If you need courage, pray  
If you have doubts, believe in my words.  
Then I will go  
And I will declare what I believe  
Wherever I may be.  
So be it. I have chosen well.

**Leading in Worship Today**

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair  
Margaret Bardin/Avery McPhail, Co-liturgists  
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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

*Links of Love*

Bonnie Keith

#### Prelude *Prelude in A Minor (BWV 543)*

J. S. Bach

#### Introit #421 *Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life*

David Gambrell

### †Call to Worship

One: In days of old God called Abraham and Sarah:

**All: Come—I am with you; step out in faith.**

One: God speaks still, claiming people of every land and race:

**All: Come—I will bless you, that you may bless others.**

One: Heirs of the covenant, let us continue the journey:

**All: Come—let us worship the Lord!**

### †Hymn of Praise #39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### Call to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**God, you speak to us all and call us to follow. We confess that often we prefer disregarding your voice to uprooting our lives. Your call threatens to change our course, so we ignore you and shelter within safe harbors. You enter into our hearts, yet we ignore your summons to grow as disciples. Forgive us. Help us turn to you and respond to your call with faith and faithfulness. We pray in the name and for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

### Silent Confession

**Response** *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us.*

John Merbecke, 1550  
Arr. Healey Willan, 1930

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us'. It consists of three staves: a vocal line in treble clef, a piano accompaniment in treble clef, and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score is in a common time signature and features a simple, melodic line for the voice and a supportive accompaniment for the piano.

### Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

### †#618 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (verse 5)*

All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

### †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 *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

arr. David Lantz III

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore.

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms;

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;

True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms;

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;

all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms;

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

### Prayer for Illumination #314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (refrain)*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

### Old Testament Reading Genesis 12:1-4a (p. 8)

### New Testament Reading Philippians 4:4-7 (p. 832)

### Sermon "Certain Faith in Uncertain Times"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

## Responding to the Word of God

### †Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

### †Hymn of Affirmation #816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

### Offering Our Gifts to God

### Offertory Music *A Tune from Tallis*

Thomas Tallis, arr. McKinney

### †Doxology #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### †Prayer of Dedication