
 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude *Prelude in A Flat Major (BWV 862) from WTC I*

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

One: To you, O Lord, we lift our souls;

All: to you we offer our lives.

One: For you are good and forgiving,

All: and abounding in steadfast love.

One: In heaven, on earth, there is none like you.

All: Your works are beyond compare.

One: For you are great; you work wonders.

All: You alone are God.

Hymn *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad Christ's wonderful name.

The name all victorious of Jesus extol, whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

Ascended on high, almighty to save, he still remains nigh; his presence we have.

The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right: all glory and power, all wisdom and might,

all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

Prayer of Confession

God of all, you tell us "Do not fear," but we cower before threats to our comfort and security, not trusting your promise to care for us nor boldly stepping forward in faith. "Take up the cross," you tell us, but we live as though death still holds dominion, and refuse to take risks for the sake of the gospel; we fail to challenge powers that diminish and principalities that destroy. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to live with you and for you. Make us worthy to bear the name of Christ. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

¹ Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ² Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; ³ be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. ⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. ⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. ⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. ⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. ⁹ All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. ¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your

servant; save the child of your serving girl. ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Homily “Brave Believers”

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit we trust in the one Triune God, the holy one of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offertory *Concerto in C Major (BWV 595)*

Ernst/J. S. Bach

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in A Flat Major (BWV 862) from WTC I*

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Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Louis McCaleb; Jimmy Gilchrest; Donna Morrison; Bill McPhail; Jane Christopher; Gary Berridge; Thelma Jean Paradysz

224th General Assembly (2020) - Watch General Assembly online at ga-pcusa.org. Check website to confirm times as the docket may be amended. (*Posted website hours are EDT - hours below are CDT*)

- June 24, Wednesday - Bible Study at 6 pm or 9 pm.
- June 26, Friday - 10 am - 5 pm. Opening worship at 10 am.
- June 27, Saturday - 10 am - 5:30 pm.

Next Drive-in Worship

July 19, at **8 am**, we will have a drive-in (no touch) worship service with communion in the parking lot of First Presbyterian, Pasadena. Please note the following:

- Bring your cell phone for audio (calls can also be placed from home - audio-only)
- Bring your own communion elements, bread or a cracker and a sip of juice or a sip of wine
- Print bulletin from website: fpcpasadena.org. Printed bulletins will not be available
- Call-in to worship service at 609-663-4151
- Stay in car during worship service

You will see Marilyn and Ron providing musical leadership and Dr. Fair preaching. We also will celebrate communion together. Arrive a few minutes early to get parked but please remain in your cars. We want everyone to stay healthy and don't want to risk exposures to the virus. Rain day is July 26, if necessary.

Emergency Contact for each member needed for our church records

We are updating our records and want to have an emergency contact for everyone. Please contact the church at 281-991-8700 (*leave a message*) or email at office@fpcpasadena.org with your designated Emergency Contact. All information will be kept confidential. Thanks!